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Fall in jobless heralds end of recession at last

■ The recession should be declared officially over on Monday. In the meantime, ministers are coyly taking heart from a new raft of statistics

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

A FALL in unemployment for the second successive month and a string of other positive economic signs yesterday raised government hopes that the recession is finally over.

John Major resisted the temptation to declare an end to the longest slump since the second world war, but he promised that Britain would soon be "on the up", and his buoyant manner at the Commons despatch box reflected the private confidence among senior ministers.

Besides the 26,000 fall in the jobless total, the government was cheered by a cut in German interest rates, a sharp rise in business confidence, more house sales, and the best March car production figures for 19 years.

The number of jobless people claiming benefit dropped to a seasonally adjusted 2,940,800 — the lowest for four months — with unemployment falling in all regions and among both men and women. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said fewer people were joining the dole queues and vacancies were at a two-year high, but she advised against reading too much into one month's figures.

In the Commons, the prime minister showed similar caution in hailing the statistics as "very good news". John Smith also welcomed the figures, but said the total was still far too high and condemned the "underlying weakness" of an economy menaced by a trade deficit projected to balloon to £17.5 billion this year.

Falls in unemployment usually come after economic recovery is established, and economists admitted to some puzzlement over the latest figures. Explanations for the surprise dip included a more flexible labour market that meant firms were quicker to hire staff as well as fire them.

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "I hope it is a real reduction and not the result of some new statistical fiddle." Norman Willis of the TUC warned against taking "false comfort" and the CBI looked for "a permanent rise in jobs, not just a fall in unemployment".

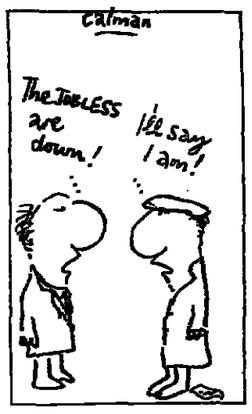
Both the National Westminster Bank and the Federation of Master Builders forecast an increase in the coming months, but the British Chambers of Commerce predicted that unemployment would continue to rise. That was, however, the only gloomy prediction in the chambers' survey of 8,800 companies which showed an increase in home and export sales and the highest level of business confidence for four years.

The Treasury is likely to put more weight on the CBI's industrial survey to be published next week, on improved shop sales, and on Monday's output figures. Those are expected to show the economy returning to growth in the first quarter — the official sign that the recession is over.

In the meantime, ministers drew comfort yesterday from the surprise cut in two key German interest rates. While the move is unlikely to lead to further reductions here, it boosted financial markets and reassured investors. Sterling rose by more than two pfennigs to close at DM2.4879.

Two further signs of economic improvement came from motor manufacturers, who reported that 144,212 cars were built in March — the best monthly figure since 1987 — and from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, whose three-month survey of the housing market in England and Wales found marked increases in sales.

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WORLD WILL TAKE PART IN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

TONY WHITE



New era: Garry and Marsa Kasparov in Helsinki with their two-day-old daughter

Challenge is on for £1.7m purse

BY IAN MURRAY

FIRST details were announced yesterday of "The Times 1993 World Chess Championship", in which Britain's Nigel Short will challenge the world champion, Garry Kasparov, for the biggest single prize in the history of the game.

The traditional 24-game series, which opens on September 7, will be played for a £1.7 million purse at the Savoy Theatre in London. For the first time the game's ruling body will be the Professional Chess Association (PCA), after the decision by the players to leave the restrictions of the



international chess body, Fide. The occasion will pioneer new forms of audience participation in championship matches, with enthusiasts worldwide using their televisions and telephones to match skills with Kasparov and Short while the games are still in progress.

Readers of *The Times* will have exclusive opportunities to apply for priority tickets for the championship and to take part in the telephone competition. Further details will be announced in coming weeks.

After the opening, the games will continue each *Tuesday, Thursday and Satur-*

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Major blasts party critics and swears by Maastricht

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major last night broke free of the battles within his party to deliver his most positive statement for two years of his support for the European Community and Britain's ability to shape its future development.

The prime minister marked the end of the marathon committee stage of the Maastricht bill by delivering a dismissive attack on the Eurosceptics who have dogged him since his election victory last year and presenting his vision of a free trade, outward-looking Europe.

In the first of a series of speeches in which he will try to regain the initiative on Europe, he ridiculed the idea that Britain could thrive outside Europe, mounted a defence of Maastricht, and savaged the anti-Europeans who tried "to make people's flesh creep" with their defeatist arguments.

"I have never pretended that Maastricht is perfect, but, warts and all, Maastricht makes Europe better," he told the Conservative Group for Europe. Mr Major's speech, which surprised MPs by its outspokenness, represented a marked change in tone from recent pronouncements on Europe that have seemed more concerned with treading a cautious line between his party's warring factions.

It came as MPs wound up the committee stage with a debate on the social chapter provisions of the treaty, and as ministers celebrated their comfortable victory in defeating the call for a referendum on Maastricht early yesterday.

As the treaty opponents geared up for their next battles on the bill's report stage and more crucially in the Lords, where Baroness Thatcher will be in the forefront of the referendum campaign, Mr Major's speech appeared to emphasise the government's confidence that the worst troubles are behind it.

Last night Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats claimed credit for progress on the bill. Archy Kirkwood, their chief whip, said that there was effectively a fourth party in Britain, the anti-Maastricht Tory party, and it was not going to go away.

Mr Major began his keynote speech by restating his desire to have Britain at the heart of Europe. He spoke of the success of British companies in seizing the European market and added: "But outside the Community? Doing our own tiny thing, splendidly adrift? It's just not on. Outside Europe, Britain can survive; inside we will thrive."

Dismissing his Euro-critics, Mr Major said the sceptics' argument that Britain should stick "at a Common Market and no more" was a narrow, unexalted vision. The opponents of full British participation were moved by frustration as much as anything else, "frustration that we are no longer a world power, frustration that nowhere is the nation state full sovereign, free to conduct its policies without concerting with ruddy foreigners".

■ The European Commission admitted that at least £82 million of the EC's £51 billion budget last year went missing through fraud (Tom Walker writes from Strasbourg).

A report published by the EC's executive catalogues multi-million pound frauds ranging from olive oil to cigarettes. Of the money accounted as lost, only 8p in the pound was ever recovered, the report adds.

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British anger spills over in Vitez

FROM TOM RHODES IN VITEZ

LIEUTENANT Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of British forces in central Bosnia, finally vented his frustration at the bloody internecine conflict yesterday after witnessing some of the most gruesome handiwork by death squads in the tiny hamlet of Ahinici, east of Vitez.

In one house alone, soldiers discovered seven charred bodies, a boy and a young man seemingly clinging to the steps by the door and a mother and her two children in the basement, wrapped together in death. Another two corpses were so badly burnt they could not be recognised. The Setz family had become another statistic in this cruel struggle raging through central Bosnia as their entire village was burnt down by Croat forces last weekend. Even cows and dogs had been shot dead.

Lt Col Stewart left the house with his head bowed. He flagged down a passing car and harangued a soldier of the local Croat HVO forces.

"This is a disgrace, whole valleys have been massacred here. What is happening here?"

When the driver of the vehicle replied that the British commander needed permission to be in the village, Col Stewart countered: "I don't need permission from the HVO. I am the UN." Lt Col Stewart later categorically denied that he was accusing the HVO specifically of committing these atrocities. He said he had no evidence of which side had perpetrated the act.

The colonel's outburst was yet another sign of the increasing frustration felt by the British as they make their daily patrols around Vitez to recover bodies from this latest spate of "ethnic cleansing". Each day uncovers another atrocity, but each day merely adds to the desperation of the troops themselves who are unlikely to forget such grotesque images.

As they monitored the latest ceasefire yesterday, it was evident that the British faced a seemingly impossible task. The terms of the agreement — that the Croats and Muslims should pull back from their offensive positions north of Busovaca and Vitez — were holding, after the Muslim forces requested an extra 24 hours to finalise their movements.

The terms of a Bosnian ceasefire, however, like the negotiations of the Vance-Owen plan, are never that

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Old Bill settles with the Costa crooks

BY STEWART TENDLER
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HUNDREDS of British detectives who spent years in vain attempts to extradite criminals from Spanish hideaways appear to have decided that if you cannot beat them you might as well join them. Retired police officers are moving to Spain in such numbers that the Costa del Crime is fast acquiring another nickname: Costa del Copper.

At least 500 former officers from Scotland Yard and provincial forces — including senior Flying Squad officers — are believed to be living along the Costa del Sol and Costa Brava. One of them, Mike Rawlings, a former Scotland Yard chief superintendent living in Cádiz province, wants them to form an old boys' association so that they can get together socially and help each other with the difficulties of living in Spain.

Until Spain changed its extradition laws in the 1980s and agreed a new treaty with Britain, the country had for decades been used as a haven by British criminals on the run, including armed robbers, drug traffickers and fraudsters. Many suspects still live in Spain or maintain homes there and commute to London.

Brian Hilliard, a former London officer and now editor of *Police Review*, said of retired officers in Spain: "Pensions are paid direct and the cost of living [is] relatively low." He and Mr Rawlings agree that after years of rivalry the former criminals and their hunters still keep their distance. Mr Rawlings said: "I think we have got involved in our own kinds of community."

Mr Hilliard said that many of the successful criminals lived in a style few of the police pensioners could emulate.

Treurnicht dies after surgery

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN
IN JOHANNESBURG

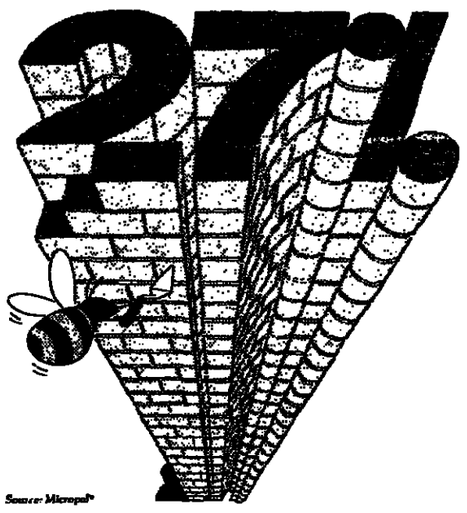
ANDRIES Treurnicht, leader of the white supremacist Conservative party, died last night in a Cape Town hospital, aged 72. With his death the party enters a period of crisis, since it was virtually only his special skills that with difficulty held it together.

Dr Treurnicht, a former minister in the Dutch Reformed Church and member of the cabinet, founded the party in 1982 to protest against the "liberal" policies of P.W. Botha, the then prime minister, who was proposing a new constitution which would give a limited franchise to Coloureds and Indians.

When he was admitted to hospital a week ago, party officials denied that he had had a heart attack. Three days ago, however, he had a quintuple heart bypass operation. Reports said he almost died during the operation.

Last night he suffered a ventricular fibrillation from which he did not recover. Party officials were trying to contact Ferdinand Hartzenberg, the party's deputy leader and Dr Treurnicht's most likely successor, who was travelling to Johannesburg.

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Rail union fails to muster support for third strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PROSPECTS of further strikes at British Rail over job security now look remote after the leadership of the main rail union decided yesterday to put BR's final offer on jobs out to a membership ballot.

The RMT leadership will recommend that the offer be rejected, but senior BR managers believe the fact that the union's executive committee could not muster a sufficient voting majority to sanction another 24-hour strike means that further strike action is unlikely to be supported by the union's members.

BR, which strongly attacked the union's decision last night, is likely to put considerable propaganda effort into ensuring that the new ballot of the RMT's rail members to be held on May 6 and 7 will return a vote in favour of what BR and the government insist is their final offer in reply to the union's claim for guarantees against compulsory redundancies in the run-up to rail privatisation.

It emerged yesterday that, in four hours of talks late on Tuesday night, the union exeutive was unable to agree to another day's strike, probably for a week today, by the two-thirds majority required under the union's rules to authorise strike action.

However, the executive voted by a simply majority to reject BR's final offer. Union leaders knew that this split would be exploited by BR and the government to break any support for further strikes, and so decided to seek a fresh mandate for action from the union's 68,000 rail members.

The split on the executive will harden BR and the government's resolve to make no further improvement in their offer. Some BR managers believe the union leadership is using the membership ballot to dig itself out of the hole in which its split executive voting has placed it.

Jimmy Knapp, RMT general secretary, said the executive's view was that the assurances the union had been seeking from BR "have still not been made with the conviction we want".

He said no further strikes would be called while the ballot was on. The vote will be counted by the independent Electoral Reform Society and the result declared on May 14.

Paul Watkinson, BR group personnel director, accused the union executive of "abdicating responsibility" and warned that uncertainty still hung over the industry — which was "very bad news".

"They don't have the interests of the industry at heart. We have nothing more to offer to the union and we shall make sure that we urge our staff to reject the RMT's position."

Mr Watkinson said BR's message to its staff would be: "Don't be duped, be prepared to reject this call."

Law change planned

CABINET ministers have been planning for at least two months to tighten industrial relations law for all public sector workers if teachers win the right to boycott this summer's national curriculum tests, according to correspondence leaked yesterday by the National Union of Teachers (John O'Leary writes).

Three Appeal Court judges will today rule on the legality of the boycott. But a letter sent by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, to John Patten, the education secretary, shows that a change in the law was already being considered in February.

Under Mrs Shephard's plan, legislation would make strikes illegal if they prevented employers carrying out a statutory duty. Although aimed at teachers, the change would have serious implications for many public employees.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Recruitment drive: Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, leaves her offices after giving the good news

Renewed fall in jobless prompts secret belief that recovery is here

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

A variety of explanations has been offered for the 26,000 drop in the number claiming unemployment benefit last month

MINISTERS yesterday emphasised that the fall in the number of people out of work for the second successive month should not be taken as a firm indication of economic recovery. Privately, however, government officials said the revival appeared to have arrived.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said the 26,000 drop in unemployment March was "very good news", but cautioned against reading too much into the figures — even after her department said the fall in February had been 25,500, 3,500 more than first announced.

The decline could be a statistical blip, and unemployment could rise again in the coming months. Such erratic variations have often occurred in the past, although the size of the cumulative falls of the past two months is unusual.

A range of explanations for the falls were offered yesterday. The first theory, mentioned only privately by Whitehall officials, was that of Britain moving out of recession.

Economists and government ministers have consistently argued, however, that unemployment is a so-called "lagging" indicator — in other words, that any decrease in unemployment would come only a long time after most, if not all, other economic indicators had started to improve.

Whitehall also believes the falls may be down to the government's employment reforms, the success of the Employment Service and demographic changes, such as fewer young people becoming available for work.

The basis of the monthly unemployment figures, however, is not the number of people out of work, but the number out of work and claiming benefit. Pressure groups such as the Unemployment Unit say the government's clampdown on benefits is having a substantial effect on the figures. Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, strongly questioned the validity of the figures.

The unit said there is a standing instruction to local officials to turn away one in ten claimants.

Some economists believe unadjusted "headline" unemployment going through the three million barrier two months ago may have frightened some people into taking jobs they had previously not considered because of their higher qualifications.

☐ Further evidence that the housing market is recovering came from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors yesterday, whose latest survey showed an increase in sales and activity with prices remaining stable.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Sparks light up leader and the led

Some backbenchers take years to find their feet in the Commons and some never do. Women often find it harder than men and thoughtful people can take to it less easily than instinctive crowd-pleasers. Scores of new members will have passed their first anniversary at Westminster this April without having once felt the tingle of standing in that Chamber and controlling the parliamentary moment.

But yesterday at 3.23pm, we guess that, however transiently, Cheryl Gillan (C, Chesham & Amersham) felt it.

A rather uncombative and apparently kindly soul, Mrs Gillan has so far appeared competent but cautious, a shade nervous on her feet. She has escaped much notice. Yesterday, her question to the prime minister was listed third. She had done her homework, discovered that the Italians have voted against proportional representation, and decided to remind Mr Major of this comforting news.

She was duly called. She rose: "Madam Speaker . . ." She could have stumbled. It could have fallen flat. It might have sounded contrived. People might have shouted "creep". But somehow, this time, it worked.

The MP reached the end of her sentence ". . . the vote in Italy against PR" and paused. She was engulfed by a prolonged cheer from all around her. The PM looked pleased. Mrs Gillan stood there, a little amazed. And then a great, uncontrollable grin spread across her face. The cheering continued. She stood silent for several seconds, simply smiling.

It proved a cheery afternoon for Mr Major, too, who refused to hear ill of his Chancellor — even when a burly bouncer of a Glaswegian socialist whose mother must have had some premonition of her son's destiny when she christened him Jimmy (Jimmy Hood, Clydesdale) asked the PM . . . well, nobody agrees what Mr Hood did ask.

All agree that Hood wanted to say something about Norman Lamont, and that the adjective he had in mind began with "*un*" ended with "*able*" and contained a middle section including the letters *s* and *a*. Unassailable? Unsustainable? Unsaleable? Unstable?

Was Hood making an ironic reference to Mrs Thatcher's description of Nigel Lawson as unassailable, just before she sacked him? Was he trying to say "unsaleable", implying that Mr Lamont is damaged goods, old stock or useless?

John Major took neither view. He understood Hood to be saying "unsellable" and to be suggesting that Lamont was cherished beyond price and not therefore for sale. Readers may consider this an unlikely interpretation of Hood's opinion, but it is the one Major chose.

"I know I *am* keen on exports," replied the PM, "but there is a limit." The sale of this paragon would be blocked. As with other celebrated oil paintings, the export licence would be refused.

The Chancellor leant back and smiled, basking in his master's favour. Indeed, the PM's mood seemed sunnier yesterday than for many months. If Tory economic recessions have turning points, then perhaps Tory parliamentary depressions do, too. The mood on the government backbenches yesterday — the spark which arcs between leader and led — seemed refreshed. John Smith huffed and puffed, but sounded as though he were simply going through the motions.

Looking back, we may find that PM's questions on Thursday 22 April, 1993 marked some kind of turning point.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big rise expected in press advertising

Newspapers can expect big increases in advertising revenue as the industry heads out of recession, a conference was told yesterday. Mike Waterson, research adviser to the Advertising Association, said that substantial growth was likely in the next two years, with "very considerable increases" in the next decade.

Mr Waterson told the Newspaper Society conference in Edinburgh that television advertising had been growing rapidly in the past 12 months and was showing growth of 5 per cent. The regional press tended to follow six to nine months behind, he said. Classified advertising would lead the recovery.

Britain's regional press accounted for £1.63 billion in revenue last year. It was expected to attract £1.70 billion this year and £1.85 billion in 1994.

Palace opposes office

Buckingham Palace has protested about invasion of privacy and the security threat from a 22-storey office block planned for the forecourt of Victoria station. It claims that the proposed building would "provide intrusive views into the palace gardens". The environment and national heritage departments, English Heritage and the Duke of Westminster's Grosvenor Estate have also objected to the building. Westminster City Council was expected to refuse planning permission at a meeting last night.

Guide on ministers' bills

THE cabinet has issued guidelines on ministerial expenses after the criticism that followed the use of public money to pay Norman Lamont's legal bills when he had a sex therapist evicted from his home. Ministers and civil servants are to face much closer scrutiny if public funds are used for any purpose that is not strictly official. The guidance, detailed in a Treasury minute to the public accounts committee, sets out rules covering press handling, legal fees, advertising, travel and entertainment expenses.

Sir Denis 'fit as a flea'



The Thatcher family yesterday denied a report in *The Sun* that Sir Denis Thatcher, left, had cancer of the colon. A family spokeswoman said that he had been treated for a minor prostate problem, "which has been cleared up. He does not have cancer of the colon." Sir Denis, questioned by journalists outside his home in Chelsea, west London, said: "I'm as fit as a flea."

Plane crash in garden

A light aircraft crashed into the garden of a house in the Isle of Wight yesterday after overshooting the runway at Bembridge airport. Residents rescued one of the two occupants of the Cessna 150 before firefighters cut the other free. Both men are in hospital in Newport with serious multiple injuries. The plane, which had engine trouble, was making its second attempt at an emergency landing after leaving Fairoaks airport, near Woking, Surrey, on a flight to Jersey.

£1.7 million purse for chess series to involve the world

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day to October 30. The *Times* title will go to the player first amassing more than 12 points. All 24 games will be played, even if the series has been decided beforehand.

After the series, the winner has agreed to play one game against the member of the public who has come closest to predicting all the championship moves by both players. It will be a chance for an enthusiast anywhere in the world to compete at the highest level.

Kasparov, who became a father on Monday, said yesterday: "We are going to have a great championship. *The Times* will be a credibility card for us in this venture. It is a great success, because for the first time in history we will be tied to a great name. This co-operation will change the future of chess."

Short, the first Briton this century to challenge for the title, said: "It is wonderful to be associated with such a famous newspaper. It is excellent news for chess in Britain."

Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, said the paper had been determined that Britain would host the British challenge. *Times* readers will have priority for seats for matches and free access to compete for prizes and a chance to take on the champion.

The public competition will be called "Predictamove". Those playing will have to guess the next move and telephone it to a computer being installed by Teleworld of Rotterdam, co-sponsors of the event. Everyone competing will have an individual PIN number and the computer will record all moves against those played. Each correct prediction will score a point, and the person with most points at the end of each game will win a $500 prize.

World-wide predictions of the next move will be relayed to the Savoy and shown on screen as play is in progress. It will be possible to see immediately whether the players make a surprise move or stick to a more predictable ploy.

The game board will be on Teletext, with each move shown on the screen instantaneously; a player at home watching his television screen has only to ring his prediction to the computer. A link will enable play by 75,336 people in Europe, at least 9,900 of them in Britain. Elsewhere players will use a fax service, which will supply the latest board within 12 seconds of a move being played.

The player with the top score at the end of the 24 games will win a car and be brought to London to play the champion. The runner-up will play the series loser.

Peter Schouten, chairman of Teleworld, said: "The basic fear of every world champion is that he is not really the best because somewhere there is someone better. With Predictamove, the chess champion knows that he is going to have to face up to an unknown, who might even be able to beat him. That will add enormously to the drama of the series."

It is expected that the *Times* championship and formation of the Professional Chess Association will mark a new beginning. Bob Rice, a New York lawyer who is to be the first PCA commissioner, said its members would be "young, dynamic, aggressive players, who will break away from the tired, old, bored, amateur governing body."

He added: "We expect it will be a parallel with golf, where the Professional Golf Association was started by just a few players and grew to involve all the best in the world.

"The PCA will be staging a cycle of events leading to a world championship match every two years, with regular major tournaments all round the world. I can see people looking forward to an annual 'Savoy tournament', perhaps as tennis fans look forward to Wimbledon.

"It is a great, great game, which is why it has been round for over 1,000 years. With expert commentators explaining television matches of 'blitz chess' which would last only 10 minutes, an ever wider audience will discover that the game can be riveting, punchy and even athletic.

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All sizes are approximate and not to scale. Merchandise subject to availability.
Pine cladding has been at £13·45 for the last 28 days at Oldbury, Willesden, Penge, Crayford and Luton stores.

'I knew he was trying to kill me,' said victim

Magistrate found guilty of plotting to gas wife to death

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A MAGISTRATE was found guilty last night of attempting to murder his wife using a home-made gas chamber he designed to fit over her face as she lay asleep.

Cranog Jones, 44, of Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, will be sentenced today for planning to fake his first wife Margaret's suicide after poisoning her with carbon monoxide from a pipe attached to her car exhaust which he relayed into the bedroom.

Jones, who has remarried since his arrest, shook his head as the jury foreman returned the verdict at Winchester Crown Court after deliberations lasting six hours at the end of a week-long trial.

In the public gallery, Jones's second wife, Diane, 28, trembled and tears rolled down her face.

Jones, a DIY enthusiast, married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret, 43, in August 1972 and they had three children before their increasingly rancorous relationship became murderous amid divorce proceedings.

Towards the end of the marriage Jones became obsessed with trying to prove his wife's adultery, even though he was having an affair of his own, taped her telephone calls and hired a private detective.

Jones, head of education and training at Smith Industries, a defence company at Cheltenham, built a wooden box like a diver's helmet to fit over his wife's head. While testing the equipment he killed the family cat.

The box was attached to flexible piping which fed through a hole he had drilled in the bedroom wall, across a conservatory roof and into the garage where it was connected to the exhaust of her Fiesta car which was belching out carbon monoxide on full choke.

Jones then intended to move his wife's body into the vehicle and reconnect the piping to fake her suicide.

But the plot went wrong when his wife was woken by the noise of the engine in the early hours of December 7, 1991.

Mrs Jones found her husband crouched at the end of the bed with the box in his hands. She tried to use the phone, found it was dead and fled the house before alerting police from a public call box.

In the meantime, Jones disposed of the box, removed the piping and placed a sponge ball into the hole in the wall.

Jones, an engineer by training, had taken several mechanical and electronics courses to further his career. The marriage began to crack under the strain when he started a postgraduate course in management studies at Bristol polytechnic.

He had served as a magistrate on the Cheltenham bench since 1986 but was suspended after requesting leave of absence when the allegations against him came to light.

In May 1990 he met the woman who was to become his second wife at work. They married on July 7, 1992, while he was on police bail.

In interviews with detectives he claimed that his first wife had invented the story of the attempted murder and set out to destroy him with it.

He admitted drilling a hole in the bedroom wall but claimed it was for a waste pipe to a vanity unit sink he planned to fit in the room as a birthday surprise for his wife.

He also admitted using a council dump to dispose of lengths of piping which he claimed he had previously used to vent exhaust fumes from the garage. But he alleged that he took the action after panicking when he realised that his wife was trying to set him up as an attempted murderer.

However, the jury accepted that Jones had plotted to kill his first wife, temporarily leaving his mistress to move back in with his wife in an ostensible bid to save the marriage six weeks before the murder attempt.

The only flaw in his plan was the noise of the engine transmitted by the pipe, which awoke his wife.

She told the court: "I never had an affair with any other man but he accused me all the time. I just knew that he was trying to kill me."

Christopher Clark QC, for the prosecution, told the court: "It would have been the perfect murder. He would have achieved the object of killing his wife, and when her body was discovered it would have seemed to all intents and purposes like suicide."

Det Insp Chris Merrick, who helped lead the investigation, said: "My heart goes out to Margaret Jones and the children. I hope they will be given the peace and privacy in the forthcoming weeks to get over this."



Margaret Jones: woken by sound of car engine



Cranog Jones: believed wife was unfaithful

SIMON WALKER



The Rev Alfred Willets at a Catholic Women for Ordination demonstration

Church of England forfeited national role, says Gummer

■ By voting to ordain women priests, are Anglicans in danger of becoming "just another nonconformist sect"?

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England has forfeited the allegiance of its constituents and must therefore share its privileged position with Roman Catholics and other churches, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, says today.

Mr Gummer, who resigned from the General Synod last November after the controversial vote to ordain women priests, says: "If it is to survive, the Church of England will have to recognise that it is now the guardian rather than the owner of its churches, its cathedrals and its endowments."

In an article in the Catholic weekly *The Tablet*, published today in *The Times*, Mr Gummer questions the right of the Anglican church to its historic role as the national church and argues that, in voting to ordain women priests, it has become "as much a sect as any Protestant nonconformist body".

In an interview last night, he added: "There has to be a change of attitude, of psychology, in the Church of England. In the past it saw itself as manifestly the national church. It is now neither the largest church nor a church which claims to embrace everybody."

Referring to Anglicans who wish to leave the church and become Catholics, he said: "It will be very important for them to be able to continue to worship in the churches in which they always have worshipped."

Writing on the day that Catholic bishops will disclose their proposals for dissident Anglican clergy who hope to become Catholic priests, Mr Gummer says: "The only future for the establishment will be one in which the Church of England recognises that what it owes to history must now be shared." In England more Catholics go to church each week than Anglicans, he says, and argues that the Church of England has forsaken its claim to apostolic authority in altering its doctrine by a synodal vote.

Shared churches could resolve the problem of what happens to the church building if a congregation and vicar are allowed to defect together to Rome but the Anglican church wishes to retain its building and presence in the parish. Under the Shared Churches Act, many Anglican churches share with other denominations.

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, is today expected to disclose the results of discussions on the issue by Catholic bishops. He is sympathetic to Anglican clergy who wish to become Catholic but the response from the Catholic bishops could be more cautious than many had hoped. No final proposal is likely until the Anglican bishops meet in June.

At the opening of the Catholic bishops' conference, Cardinal Hume said the issue for those who had approached the Catholic church was not whether women should be priests but whether the synod had "authority to determine this matter".

David McClean, professor of law at Sheffield University and chairman of the synod's house of laity, said Christians of all denominations regarded collegiate churches and cathedrals as theirs. Professor McClean, largely responsible for the legislation to ordain women priests, said: "Churches can agree to share buildings but that does not prejudice the natural ownership of them."

Responding to the argument that the synod did not have the authority to decide on women priests, he said: "The Church of England has had the authority to do whatever it wants since the Reformation. We are not recognised formally as having valid orders by the Catholic church, so who else can make decisions for us?"

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Retailers back drive for cheaper CDs

BY PETER VICTOR

THE campaign for cheaper compact discs was backed yesterday by the heads of two of Britain's biggest record retailers. Sir Malcolm Field, group managing director of W.H. Smith, and Brian McLaughlin, managing director of HMV in the UK, told MPs they want to see a substantial cut in disc prices.

Sir Malcolm said that research carried out last month showed there was a strong latent demand for CDs, but people would not buy them because they were too expensive. "I cannot believe people in this country don't want to listen to music," he told the Commons national heritage select committee.

His comments followed representations last week from the management of the rock groups Dire Straits and Simply Red, which are campaigning for cheaper CDs.

The Consumers' Association estimates that a £12.99 CD costs only £1.05 to manufacture. VAT accounts for £2.27 and the artist, publisher and producer share £1.76. The record company gets £4.66 and the retailer £3.25.

W.H. Smith, which owns the Our Price record chain and has a 50 per cent share in Virgin megastores, said a cut of at least £1 per CD was necessary to stimulate the market, but the company would prefer a £2 reduction.

Sir Malcolm said he and his executives had had a series of meetings with managers of the big record companies at senior level to try to find out who earned what from the sale of a CD, but they had not been able to shed any further light on the matter: "It remains our hope that concerted action by suppliers and retailers to reduce prices will be achieved," he said.

Mr McLaughlin disputed some of W.H. Smith's evidence, saying HMV was not experiencing any consumer resistance to high CD prices. He said HMV had seen spectacularly high sales of CDs, but added: "We are in favour of lower prices on every format and we have been extremely aggressive in passing on any discounts to the consumer."

The committee will take evidence from record companies next week before compiling its report.

Australia's televised truth is soapier than fiction



Lynne Truss reviews last night's first episode of the controversial docu-drama Sylvania Waters

IT IS amazing that people still volunteer to share their homes with cameras. Perhaps they just delude themselves; or perhaps, dare I say it, they are misled. Take the Baker-Donaher family in the new "real-life Australian soap" *Sylvania Waters* on BBC1. They surely must have thought that their inane everyday arguments over the breakfast bar ("That's a brand new pen!" "That's *not* a brand new pen!") would never appear on screen; that the producer, Paul Watson, would show some mercy and chuck such stuff in the bin.

But, ha, ha, some joke. Pen disputes are what it's all about, this kind of *vérité* television; stupid arguments evidently reveal a profound truth about family life. So, not only is the aggressive squabble about the ballpoint included in the film, it is allowed to go on and on under its own inexhaustible steam, until it is the viewer who finally surrenders, with an impatient cry of, "Here, for God's sake, take mine."

Sylvania Waters caused uproar when it was shown on Australian television. Instead of taking it as a real-life soap opera (will Paul continue to love Dione? will Laurie some day find a pen that works?), the audience saw it as an assault on Australian culture, and the hapless real-life Baker-Donahers were thrown on the defensive. The star of the show, blonde matriarchal Noeline, has publicly complained that the film "defames" Australia, when she thought it would "promote" it. This despite declaring flatly to camera, in last night's programme, "I can't be nice, I can't be Joan Collins. I'm me, I'm me."

Noeline is right about two things: she is not Joan Collins and she is not nice. Noeline is tough, aggressively proud of the million-dollar lifestyle she has striven for, touchy about her common-law husband Laurie, and belligerent with her grown-up sons. Sylvania Waters is Noeline's dream home: a marina-style suburb of Sydney with a bit of Essex thrown in — expansive pools, fully ducted air-conditioning, huge rooms, acres of carpet. Perhaps it was the ersatz Beverly Hills lifestyle that first persuaded Noeline she wanted to be in movies.

Noeline have achieved all this carpet in the 13 years she has known Laurie. Although their relationship has alienated her son Paul — who now lives in relative squalor with his pregnant girl friend, Dione — she still believes passionately in what she has done. Somehow we hear the words "13 years" slightly more often than we would really care to. How will she cope when the number reaches 14? Will she be able to adapt?

Meanwhile, you can see how the misunderstanding about promoting and defaming arose. One person's land of opportunity is another person's shallow materialistic nightmare. It depends how it is edited.

And Noeline — racist, contemptuous of the workshy, exasperated by the son who wastes time with cockatoos and surfboards — looks set to emerge as an archetype of the self-made. Paul and Dione will not buy a house in ten years, she confides, looking vindicated.

Will *Sylvania Waters* be unmissable television? It can hardly fail. See Noeline and Laurie argue! See Paul put his foot in his mouth! See Dione chat on the phone! Meanwhile, keep an eye on that breakfast bar, favourite site for all tiffs. It is obviously the one real drawback to the million-dollar home — that the family crowds around the melamine work surface and picks a fight about stationery.

And next: Sylvania lochs ...

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCOTTISH Television (STV) is to rival the BBC's controversial Antipodean fly-on-the-wall series, *Sylvania Waters*, with a real-life soap opera about the daily lives of four Scottish families.

But as the nation settles down to watch the excesses of the Australian Donaher family, STV is worried that it may deter families from volunteering to let television cameras into their lives. Four Scottish families willing to share their marital infidelities and family rows with the rest of the nation are being sought.

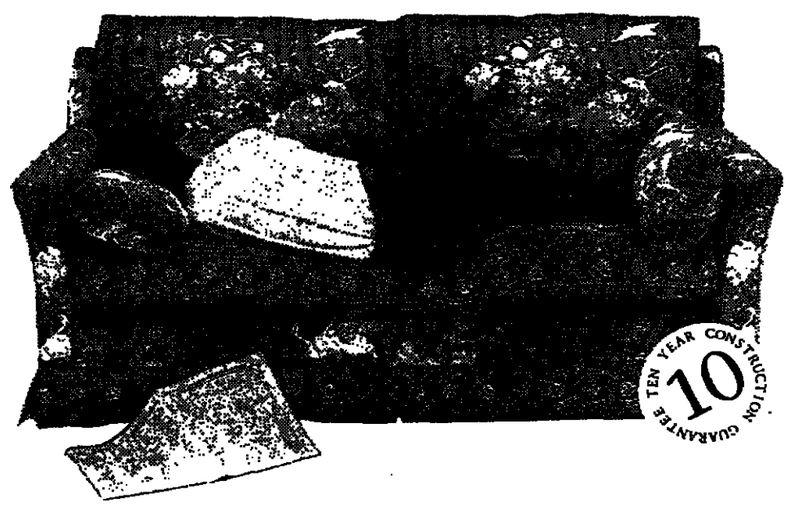
"I got the idea for the series from hearing so many people say their families were much more interesting than those on the television soaps," said Allan Hay of Just Brilliant Television, who is producing the six-part series *Real Life*, which will be broadcast in Scotland from May 20.

The four families may never meet but scenes from their lives will be interposed in soap opera style. The series may be broadcast throughout the UK.

Families will be paid £100 per episode. In return they will have cameras crews in their homes for four days a week. Two family members will be taught to operate cameras and are expected to film themselves on the other days.

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Pupils to be taught virtue of self-restraint

Patten crusades for sex education with a moral flavour

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

A CRUSADE to ensure that schoolchildren are taught about sex within a clear moral framework that promotes family values was launched yesterday by John Patten, the education secretary.

Pupils must be told that the law forbids sexual intercourse with girls under 16 and homosexual acts between males if either party is under 21, under guidelines proposed yesterday.

Teachers who give advice to under-age girls about the provision of contraception without parental knowledge or consent could face criminal charges, the guidelines emphasise.

The guidance offers advice to governors who are responsible for drawing up sex education lessons that go beyond the rudiments of reproduction, which must be included under the national curriculum. Critics attacked the proposals as insensitive and divorced from classroom reality.

Mr Patten said all sex education should encourage children to consider the moral dimension of their actions. "It should recognise the value of family life and understand the importance of loving relationships and mutual respect."

He said the advice rightly recognised that parents were the key figures in helping children to cope with the physical and emotional aspects of growing up and in preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities that sexual maturity brought.

"The teaching offered by schools should be complementary and supportive to the role of parents," he said.

The guidelines say schools cannot avoid tackling controversial matters such as contraception and abortion, as at least 8,500 under-age girls become pregnant each year. The government is committed to halving the rate of conception among the under 16s by the end of the decade as part of its *Health of the Nation* initiative.

But sex education should encourage pupils to consider "the importance of self-restraint, dignity and respect for themselves and others", the guidelines say. Pupils should be helped to recognise the physical, emotional and moral risks of casual and promiscuous behaviour.

"Schools should foster a recognition that both sexes should behave responsibly in sexual matters. Pupils should be helped to appreciate the benefits of stable married and family life and the responsibilities of parenthood."

On the specific question of giving advice about contraceptive provision to girls under 16 without parental knowledge, the guidance says it would be "an inappropriate exercise of a teacher's professional responsibilities and could, depending on the circumstances, amount to a criminal offence".

A teacher approached by a pupil for such advice should instead encourage them to go to their parents. If the pupil was already sexually active, or contemplating such a course, the teacher was duty bound to warn of the risks and to consider reporting the case to the head teacher.

The guidance says there is no place in any school in any circumstance for teaching that advocates homosexual behaviour, presents it as the norm or encourages homosexual experimentation by pupils.

In teaching older pupils about Aids and HIV, schools should warn about the health risks of promiscuity.

The proposals urge governing bodies that have not established sex education policies — about one in four according to a recent survey of local education authorities — to take action after consultation with parents.

The National Union of Teachers accused Mr Patten of insulting teachers by trying to impose a narrow view of society. "Moral values vary from culture to culture and religion to religion. Schools have to be aware of those differences — politicians ought to be," said a spokeswoman.

Seamen warn the Braer enquiry of danger crews

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH seamen have produced a catalogue of incompetence in support of tougher safety regulations for the enquiry into maritime safety prompted by the *Braer* oil spill.

If the potential for disaster were not so great the situation would, in the words of one officer, be "like something out of an Ealing comedy".

Although the captains have welcomed an anonymous and confidential system of reporting "near miss" accidents called MARS, described in *The Times* yesterday, they want the government to move far more quickly in identifying serious incidents at sea.

The possibility of legal action and insurance claims means it can be years before seamen are made aware of situations that could endanger lives.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the former Master of the Rolls who is heading the enquiry, has been told that radical measures are needed in the face of "overwhelming evidence of severe and profound safety problems in the international shipping industry".

The tanker *Braer*, which spilled it 84,500-tonne cargo of crude oil after running aground on Shetland in January, was registered in Liberia. The National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers (*Numast*) told the enquiry that one of the greatest threats to safety came from owners cutting crew costs by registering under flags of convenience, which have less stringent regulations.

A master said: "Reduced manning has occurred in all vessels in my experience. This, coupled with long hours at very low pay, results in a great deal of 'let's take a chance'."

Numast's evidence, provided by British captains and officers, includes dozens of cases in which multinational crews who cannot communicate with each other have lacked the most basic seafaring skills and have had no idea of the regulations for the prevention of collision at sea.

A chief engineer on a Bahamian-registered tankers said: "We are receiving staff who cannot steer or tie knots and deck ratings and officers who have little or no prior safety training. This could turn a serious accident into a fatality."

The master of another tanker said: "Collision avoidance rules are ignored by other vessels around the UK, resulting in 'near miss' situations."

A chief officer said some Third World officers were able to buy their professional certificates for $500 and had a poor understanding of maritime rules.

On one ship, officers and crew could only communicate by sign language. On *Scandinavian Star*, a cruise ship in the Gulf of Mexico, a Honduran seaman had to use hand signals to raise the alarm when fire broke out because he had no common language with the Filipino watch engineer.

A subsequent report said there were 27 nationalities among the crew and language problems allowed the fire to spread.

Two years later, when the ship was operating as a passenger ferry, language difficulties again prevented a fire from being dealt with promptly.

Last night, Joan Walley, Labour's shipping spokesman, said: "The lack of the right to know of these incidents must be addressed. There must be greater control over a whole area ranging from accident reporting to health and safety considerations."

Among the measures called for by Numast are improved standards for the training, certification and competence of seamen, and strengthening of international conventions.

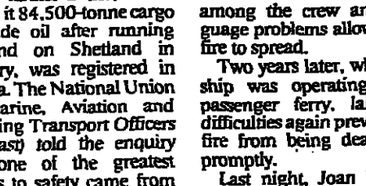
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Hoping to clean up: Neil Hamilton, trade and industry minister, is lobbied at ground level by Kevin Whitelam of the Traditional Victorian Shoeshine Co, which is seeking a street trading licence under a Home Office initiative

Fishermen in Jersey talks 'make progress'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TRAWLERMEN from Jersey and France said they had made progress yesterday in talks aimed at averting further conflict over fishing rights in the waters between the Channel Islands and the coasts of Normandy and Brittany.

A delegation of 12 trawlermen from seven French ports visited St Helier to discuss Jersey's desire to proclaim an exclusive fishing zone, extending six miles from its shores. Jersey is alone in the European Community in having a fishing limit of no more than three miles, which dates from an agreement between Britain and France in 1839. All other EC countries extended their limits to six miles in 1964 and later to 12.

Simon Bossy, chief fisheries adviser to the Jersey authorities, said: "For some reason, best known to themselves, the Foreign Office and the Quai d'Orsay agreed to exclude Jersey from the general extension of fishing limits, even though Guernsey and Alderney were included. Jersey fishermen cannot approach closer than 12 miles to the French coast."

Dr Bossy said competition for fish off Jersey had become stiffer because of the depletion of stocks along the French coast and in other more distant waters. Jersey has no power to extend its fishing limit unilaterally. The island's fishermen hope that a series of meetings with their French counterparts will produce an informal agreement, which their respective governments would then endorse.

Group 4 loses its eighth prisoner

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE private security company Group 4 yesterday lost its eighth prisoner since taking over escort duties two weeks ago. A man aged 20 leapt from the dock at Rotherham Magistrates' Court and ran off into the town centre.

Steven Elliott, from Barnsley, was facing deception charges. He had just been remanded in custody when he broke away from a Group 4 officer, vaulted the dock rail and fled, chased by the officer.

His escape came six days after another prisoner made a similar dash for freedom from Sheffield Magistrates' Court, seven miles away.

Last night, as police searched for the missing man, Group 4 said it had to be understood that escapes from insecure courtrooms had always been a consequence of the work. Group 4 was committed to keeping mistakes to a minimum and to improving on the previous service provided by the police and prison service.

The company said that its prisoner custody officers had carried out more than 10,000 prisoner movements to and from courts in the North East during the past 12 months without incident.

☐ Firemen in Newcastle upon Tyne had to cut through the side of a Group 4 security van yesterday to release two men trapped inside. The driver had collapsed at the wheel, leaving his colleague trapped in the back.

Both men were taken to hospital. The driver had a chest infection and his colleague suffered shock. Both were later allowed home.

New leukaemia drug offers 75% remission

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TRIALS of a new treatment for a rare form of leukaemia, just launched in Britain, show that it can achieve complete remission in 75 per cent of patients, against 10 per cent with previous treatments.

Hairy cell leukaemia, so called because the affected cells have a hairy appearance, was considered incurable until recently. It affects mainly middle-aged men and symptoms include malaise and proneness to infections. In Britain there are about 100 new cases every year.

The new treatment is a drug, Nipent, that was originally tested ten years ago against another form of leukaemia but abandoned because the high doses required were toxic. Studies at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, led by Professor Daniel Catovsky, show it is extremely effective against hairy cell leukaemia at doses low enough for side-effects to be acceptable.

In the five-year trial, three-quarters of the 110 patients treated with Nipent had complete remission. Professor Catovsky said: "When one considers that only a few years ago the disease was almost inevitably fatal, this is a remarkable improvement." Other studies in America show similar results.

Nipent is given by injection at two-week intervals over a period of three to six months. It is being distributed in Britain by Lederle Laboratories, under licence from the American company Warner-Lambert.

Belfast coroner challenges attempts to protect soldiers

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A LEGAL battle has begun in Northern Ireland over an attempt by army lawyers to restrict cross-examination of undercover soldiers at inquests.

In a detailed ruling delivered yesterday, John Leckey, the Belfast city coroner, said that lawyers for the defence ministry had no legal authority to use public interest immunity certificates (PIICs) to try to restrict oral evidence given by soldiers at inquests.

In a second reversal for the Crown, Mr Leckey also ruled that PIICs — which are authorised and signed by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary — should not be used as grounds for allowing undercover soldiers at inquests to sit behind screens to protect their identities. The ruling, which is expected to be challenged by army lawyers, was hailed by civil liberties groups and nationalist politicians as a significant attack on what they see as the effective abuse of due process of law at inquests by the Crown to protect soldiers and to prevent disclosure of evidence in court.

The government has used the PIIC system in almost all inquests involving undercover soldiers in operations against the IRA since the inquest into the deaths of three IRA members in Gibraltar in 1988.

The PIIC is supposed to apply exclusively to documentary evidence which the Crown wishes to protect for reasons of national security. However, in recent inquests in Northern Ireland into disputed killings, Crown lawyers have sought to extend its remit to cover oral evidence.

Yesterday's ruling came on the fourth day of the inquest into the deaths of three West Belfast criminals who were shot dead by undercover soldiers of the 14th Intelligence Company, after a bungled betting shop robbery on the Falls Road in 1990.

The defence ministry, which has until Monday to consider the ruling, is expected to challenge it in the courts. An army spokeswoman said: "We are either going to accept the coroner's ruling or the alternative is to go for a judicial review before a High Court judge in Northern Ireland."

Tourists agree Buckingham Palace environs are disgrace

BY JAMES LANDALE

VISITORS to London yesterday agreed with a government report that Buckingham Palace was a "national disgrace" as a tourist site and welcomed a proposal to make the area in front of it a pedestrian precinct.

Jean and Jinette Duval, of Bourges in France, said the traffic outside the palace was terrible. "We almost died crossing the road," Mme Duval said. "The first thing I noticed was that there were no places for pedestrians."

The Duvals said the charm of Britain's most popular tourist trap was diminished by the grey metal barricades but, said Mme Duval, "it is like that at the Champs-Elysées too".

Judy and Keith Palmer, from Christchurch, New Zealand, said the barricades looked awful. "I am sure Her Majesty doesn't like them," Mrs Palmer said. "There are probably many houses in England which have a grander approach."

Mrs Palmer said she was disappointed with her first impressions of London. "When you actually get here, it is not quite what you thought it was going to be. The people, the noise, the traffic . . . I want to go home!"

The Royal Parks Review Group has recommended that a pedestrian precinct be created in front of Buckingham Palace, saying it is unacceptable that tourists are herded behind ugly metal barricades and are unable to cross the road safely. It says the present setting is a "national disgrace, unworthy of any city centre".

Sam and Ellen Barth, of Honolulu, Hawaii, said a pedestrian precinct would be preferable, but that the traffic was not really that bad. "It hasn't bothered me that much," Mrs Barth said. "There are other countries where it is much more of a problem, like New York." She had been impressed with the cleanliness of London's tourist attractions, including the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace.

"In some places they don't care about where they put the trash," she said.

Kelvin and Karen Davies, from Wrexham, Clwyd, said that in general, London was an interesting place to visit, although the traffic was bad around the palace. "We did have a problem crossing the road. There are cars everywhere," Mr Davies said. "I think it might be a good idea to pedestrianise the place."

Kerstin and Hans Söderström, of Norberg, Sweden, approved of the pedestrian precinct plan. "It would be good to make it unnecessary to run across the road because of all the buses and taxi cars," Mrs Söderström said.

She said the traffic was worse in Sweden. "London is a very big town, but it is not dangerous to us. And people always help us with our maps."



JOHN MANNING

Satisfied: Ellen and Sam Barth of Hawaii

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Drug research scientists accused of insider deals

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS who research new drugs are breaking the law by using their inside knowledge to deal in drug company shares before the results of their research are published, according to two former drug company employees.

Insider dealing among clinical researchers is increasing, the former employees say. There has been no prosecution of a researcher for profiteering in a drug company's shares.

Dr D. S. Freestone, retired director of medical sciences at the Wellcome Foundation, and Harry Mitchell QC, retired company secretary of Wellcome, write in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal* that the extent of malpractice is unknown but the growth of private share ownership is laying researchers open to the temptation to make use of their inside knowledge.

They suggest that researchers who buy or sell shares in companies affected by their work before the results are made public could be charged with illegal share dealing. Disclosing the results to a third party could also make them liable to prosecution.

In an editorial comment on the paper, the *BMJ* cites the recent publication of preliminary results of an extensive trial of Wellcome's anti-Aids drug AZT, which showed, unexpectedly, that it did not help patients with HIV. Had the trial results been positive, they would have confirmed the existence of a vast market for AZT. In the fortnight before the results were published in *The Lancet*, Wellcome's share price fell from 900p to 700p.

In America, researchers with financial holdings in drug companies are alleged to have withheld results or published selectively. In a recent US trial of drugs given to patients who had had coronary bypass surgery, the organisers decreed that researchers and their families should not buy, sell or hold stock or stock options in any company whose drugs were under study.

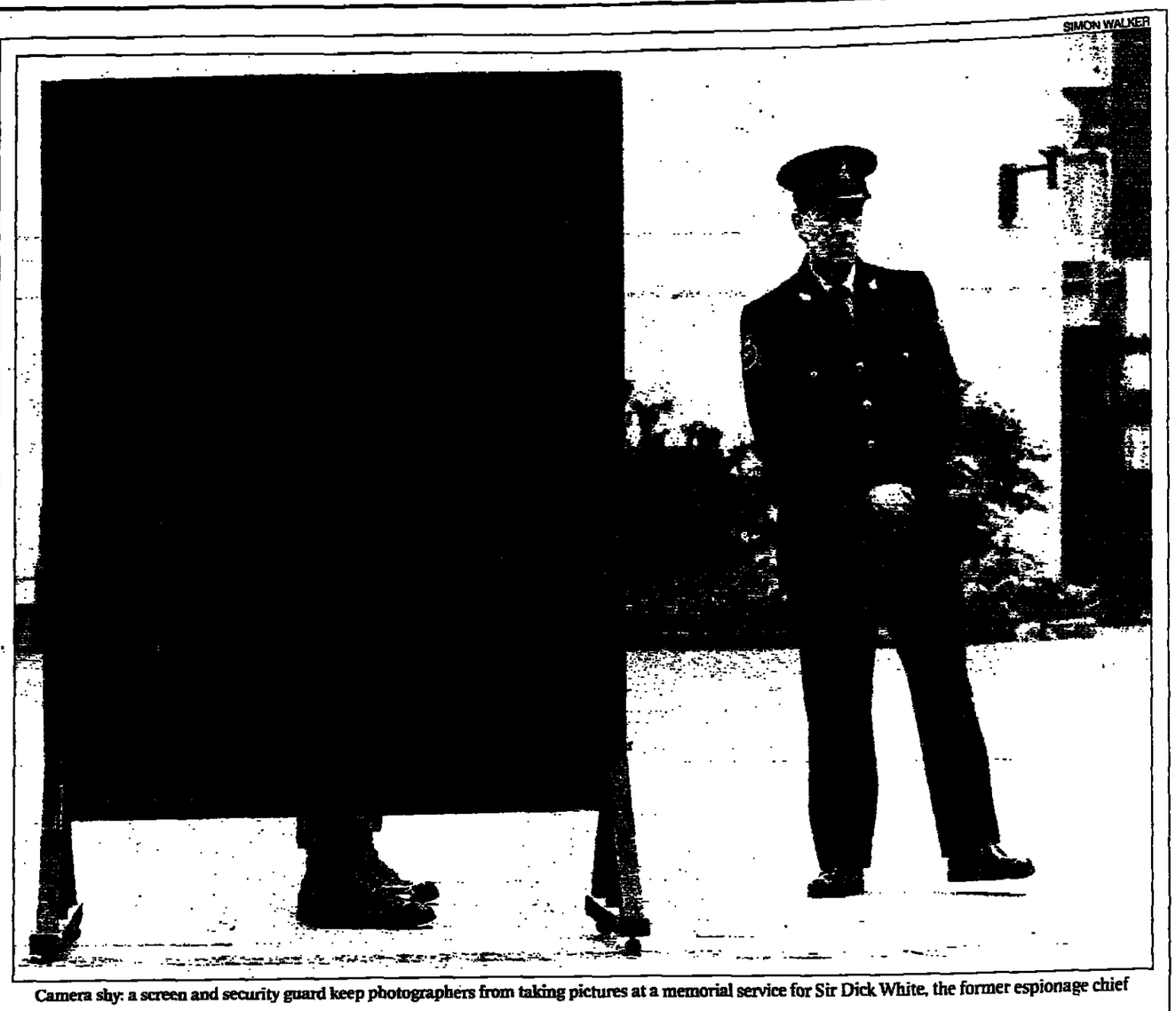
Dr Freestone and Mr Mitchell say UK researchers should declare any shareholdings that could cause a conflict of interest before embarking on a study. "The honesty and integrity of clinicians and their independence of pharmaceutical companies should ensure unbiased results."

They also criticise Stock Exchange rules which require that price-sensitive information be published at the earliest opportunity, pressuring researchers to publish results in the lay press before their significance has been judged by the scientific community.

☐ Doctors who refer patients for treatment in private hospitals or units in which they have a financial interest should come under greater scrutiny, the *BMJ* says in a leading article.

The growth of a more entrepreneurial NHS has created the need for new guidelines. Evidence from the US shows that treatment rates are more than twice as high among patients sent to units owned by the referring doctor compared with those sent to independent units. The *BMJ* says the General Medical Council should require doctors to disclose any relevant financial interests to patients when referring them.

SIMON WALKER



Camera shy: a screen and security guard keep photographers from taking pictures at a memorial service for Sir Dick White, the former espionage chief

Spies come out of shadows to mourn their hero

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE intelligence world briefly broke cover yesterday to pay tribute to one of its heroes, an archetypal godfather of the spying trade whose like the le Carrés and Flemings of the future may have difficulty in finding in the new world order.

Sir Dick White, who died in February aged 86, was the only man to have headed both MI5 and MI6. Friends at his memorial service, in the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks in London, yesterday praised him as a unique public servant and the creator, in the fifties and sixties, of probably the best intelligence service in the world.

More than 300 family, friends and colleagues from the shady world of espionage filled the chapel. Some covered their faces or blew their noses at the sight of press photographers with long lenses watching their arrival; much film had been exposed before defence ministry security men erected screens to block the cameramen's view. The trouble was that the faces captured on film were, by and large, unrecognised.

These are the post Cold War days of John Major's declared policy of openness. Mrs Stella Rimington, the much-publicised head of MI5, read the first lesson, the familiar passage from 1 Corinthians about seeing through a glass darkly. Sir Colin McColl, the slightly less recognised head of MI6, read the second lesson, a psalm that says in part: "I was dumb, and did not open my mouth."

Lord Greenhill of Harrow, a former permanent secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said in an address that Sir Dick had been "a unique public servant, a natural leader and a delightful human being." He had earned the respect of every British prime minister.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Neighbours fooled by TV blaze

A blaze at a studio where the television series *London's Burning* is filmed was ignored by neighbours because they thought it was part of the show. They mistook the real fire crews for actors and complained about the noise.

The cast were filming elsewhere when the fire broke out yesterday morning at the studio in Bermondsey, southeast London. Six fire engines and 30 firefighters fought the blaze for more than an hour. The cause is not known.

Karen Wheeler, 62, who lives next door, said: "We just assumed it was a scene from *London's Burning*, but thought it was strange to be filming at that time in the morning."

Brothers in murder quiz

Detectives hunting the killers of Christine Campbell, whose body was found stuffed in a suitcase, are to interview two brothers aged 19 and 26 arrested in the Irish Republic.

The body of Mrs Campbell, 46, mother of a teenage son, was found last year in the loft of a guesthouse in Swindon, Wiltshire, after blood seeped through a ceiling.

Legal test on appeal case

A man serving a seven-year jail sentence for assault on a victim who died 15 months later should now be prosecuted for culpable homicide, Lord Weir ruled at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Niaz Ahmed, 51, never regained consciousness after being attacked in 1990 by Christopher Tees. Tees, 24, of Glasgow, is to appeal.

Commuters see stabbing

Four men were being questioned by police after a man was stabbed to death in front of rush-hour crowds near Baker Street Underground station, London.

The victim, believed to be a vagrant, had been seen arguing with a group of men in an underpass. He was stabbed in the head and neck.

Canoeing file

A file is expected to be opened by the Crown Prosecution Service following the death of four teenagers on a canoeing trip off Lyme Regis, Dorset, last month. The four children who survived and a teacher are due to give evidence when the inquest into the deaths resumes on May 13.

Not the ticket

A man charged with assaulting a bus conductor was an hour late for court because the victim's colleagues refused to allow him to take a bus. Kevin Smith, 18, of Blackpool, was ordered to spend three months in a young offenders' unit.

School attack

A mother who punched a headmistress after her children were sent home early was given a conditional discharge after admitting assault. Alyson Jones, from Tylorstown, Mid Glamorgan, was ordered to pay £150 compensation.

Officer fined

Lt Michael Cook, 23, was fined £1,700 by a navy court martial after admitting assaulting a rating at a night club in Plymouth. He was dismissed from his base and must await a new posting.

Drug caution

A mother aged 19 whose two-year-old son had his stomach pumped after mistaking an Ecstasy tablet for a sweet has been cautioned by Nottingham police.

Clean air act

Southampton General Hospital has banned smoking in its grounds as well as inside the buildings, and has employed a guard to ensure no one lights up outside.

Rare egg find

Police recovered more than 900 rare bird eggs and arrested 15 men after ten days of surveillance at service stations on the A1 in West Yorkshire.

Indecency case

Two boys aged 14 are to appear in court accused of indecently assaulting girls from a Church of England school in Lewisham, southeast London.

Penthouse nest

Two peregrine falcons are nesting 210ft up a cooling tower at Willington power station, near Derby. Eggs are expected to hatch soon.

BBC regions demand devolution

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

SCOTTISH, Welsh and Northern Irish broadcasters are demanding devolution from the London-based BBC in a radical response to the government's green paper on the corporation's future.

The Celtic Film and Television Association, whose members include programme-makers from all broadcasting companies, accuses the BBC of "institutional tokenism" in its attitude towards audiences in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It says that far greater financial and programming autonomy within each nation's branch of the BBC must be granted or viewers will become "even more estranged from the corporation than they already are".

The Welsh submission, whose compilers include Dr Owen Edwards, founding director of S4C and John Hefin, director of the Film Council of Wales, accuses the BBC of English cultural imperialism. "It may be difficult sometimes for a large London-based monolithic organisation to comprehend that the centre of the world to people living in Wales is Wales," it says. "... things do not always fall apart because the centre cannot hold."

Michael Russell, an independent producer and compiler of the Scottish report, said that 30 per cent of the licence fee collected in Scotland was spent there, while 90 per cent of the English fee was spent in England. "We need an attitudinal change so that each nation's BBC controllors actually do control access to the network and resources."

The Scottish consultation proposes a board of governors for BBC Scotland, appointed by the country's secretary of state. The Celtic response to the green paper also strenuously objects to the BBC's document *Extending Choice*, which calls each country a "national region" and "seems out of step with the cultural and institutional devolution which is taking place both in the British and European context".

The BBC has recently taken budgetary control away from Scottish and Welsh controllors; each financial decision, down to the use of a camera crew, must be taken in London.

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Cancer chemicals found near waste plant

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ABOVE average levels of cancer-causing chemicals have been found near a waste disposal plant at Pontypool, in south Wales, the Welsh Office reported yesterday.

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said the high concentrations of the chemicals, known as PCBs or polychlorinated biphenyls, had been confined to a small area near the plant, owned by Rechem International, and were "not considered to pose any significant risk either to the food chain or to public health".

Paul Murphy, the Labour MP for Torfaen, said the report was "sufficient grounds for a proper independent public enquiry".

A local farmer who claims his land was poisoned and animals killed as a result, is suing Rechem for damages. The company denies any responsibility.

In 1991, the Welsh Office commissioned scientists at the University of East Anglia to undertake an independent analysis of the area around the plant. Mr Hunt said the findings were broadly "reassuring" and showed that in general the levels of PCBs and dioxins were similar to those found in other urban areas. Mr Hunt said duck eggs taken from one property next to the Rechem plant were the only evidence of unacceptable contamination of foodstuffs.

Michael Averill, Rechem's managing director, welcomed the report, saying it confirmed the results of their own environmental monitoring and should reassure the public.

Private schools 'propped up by state subsidies'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

INDEPENDENT schools are relying on income from a government scheme subsidising places for bright pupils from poorer families to survive the recession, a Labour MP said yesterday.

At least 21 private schools received more than £750,000 each from the taxpayer under the assisted places scheme last year, with seven getting over £1 million each, according to an analysis of parliamentary written answers by Stephen Byers, MP for Wallsend.

Labour has vigorously opposed the £500 million scheme since it started in 1981. Last year it cost £75.9 million, with 295 of the 2,500 independent schools in England and Wales taking part.

Mr Byers condemned ministers for buying in extra places from the private sector at an annual cost of up to £5,355, while they spent £2,225 per pupil in state schools.

"As parents withdraw their children due to financial pressure, their places are being filled by pupils being subsidised by the government. It is clear that the assisted places scheme is providing an important lifeline to a number of private schools. To call these schools independent is a complete misnomer, in reality they are dependent on the state for their very survival."

The Independent Schools Information Service rejected the attack, saying schools could not compensate for the loss of fee-payers by filling up with assisted places because they were bound by an agreed maximum quota.

Dick Davison, the deputy director, said it was "plainly ludicrous" to suggest that popular schools depended on the state for their survival. "Most of schools in the scheme continue to turn away applications from fee-payers in order to offer assisted places. They do so solely because they believe they should use every means to serve the whole community, not just those who can afford the fees."

Mr Byers said the schools which received more than £1 million were: Dulwich College, south London, 273 pupils on assisted places out of 1,393 (£1,461,915); Latymer Upper School, west London, 325/1,053 (£1,218,750); Wisbech Grammar School, Cambridgeshire, 312/628 (£1.15 million); Newcastle-under-Lyme School, Staffordshire, 419/1,347 (£1,166,496); St Edward's College, Liverpool, 395/883 (£1,110,780); Emanuel School, southwest London, 283/757 (£1,082,475) and Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree, 228/1,091 (£1,016,424).



Byers: "independent schools a misnomer"

Spotlight shines on future of theatre

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RICHARD Eyre, artistic director of the Royal National Theatre, is taking part in a theatre forum organised by *The Times* in association with the University of Bristol at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, at 7.30pm next Thursday.

Also taking part are the actress Fiona Shaw, the playwright David Edgar, Jatinder Verma, artistic director of Tara Arts, and Benedict Nightingale, chief theatre critic of *The Times*. The forum, which will discuss the way forward for British theatre, will be chaired by Martin White, head of drama at Bristol University.

On the previous evening, also at 7.30pm, Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, Anatole Kaletsky, associate editor, and two other members of the newspaper's staff will be taking part in an "Any Questions" session at The Watershed Media Centre, Bristol, organised jointly with GWR-FM. It will be chaired by Dave Barrett, the GWR-FM presenter, and extracts will be broadcast on his *Late Night Live* programme between 10pm and midnight on Thursday.

Tickets for both evenings are available from The Watershed Media Centre box office, 1 Canons Road, Bristol BS1 5TX; credit card bookings 0272 253845; theatre forum £7 (concessions £3.50); "Any Questions" £2.50 (concessions £1.50).

On Thursday morning, 80 invited businessmen will attend a business breakfast forum at the Leigh Court Hotel, Bristol, organised in association with the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Initiative.

Later in the day eight sixth-formers from Bristol schools will travel to London to attend an afternoon news conference at *The Times* offices and will be invited to select their own news stories and design a front page.

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The evening will be chaired by GWR-FM's presenter Dave Barrett, and extracts will be broadcast on his 'Late Night Live' programme on April 29th when Peter Stothard will be the studio guest.

The Any Questions event will be held at 7.30pm in The Watershed Media Centre, Canons Road, Bristol. Times readers are invited to attend this event, tickets for which cost £2.50 (concessions £1.50). We must advise, however, that places are limited and that the allocation of tickets must be on a first come, first serve basis.

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Video watch backs need for cycle havens

BY JAMES LANDALE

CYCLISTS should be allowed to ride in pedestrian areas and not forced onto dangerous roads, say government researchers. Their report was published as peers told the government that the needs of cyclists were being neglected.

Cycling is banned in most British city centre pedestrian areas. The report by the Transport Research Laboratory, a department of the Transport Executive Agency, concludes that there were "no real factors that justify the exclusion of cyclists from pedestrian areas" and that "cycling can be more widely permitted without detriment to pedestrians". It was important not to force cyclists to use dangerous alternative routes.

The research involved video-taping some pedestrian areas in the UK and mainland Europe where cycling was forbidden and others where it was permitted. In 66 hours of video-taping, "no collisions between pedestrians and cyclists were observed". Cyclists tended to take avoiding action and "adapt their speed to suit pedestrian density and dismount if necessary".

Lord Marlesford, who introduced Wednesday night's two-hour debate in the House of Lords, said that cyclists were treated with contempt by the government. He said the overriding need was to separate road vehicles from cyclists and he complained that most traffic surveys took no account of bicycles.

For the government, Viscount Goschen said that ministers recognised cycling was an energy-efficient and environmentally friendly means of transport. He assured peers that the transport department took the needs of cyclists into account when planning new or changed trunk roads.

Lord Marlesford told *The Times* yesterday: "The road system in London is as bad for cyclists as the Underground is for people in wheelchairs." He said that the government should create more cycle routes on pavements and roads. "Britain's 15 million cyclists take up very little space and yet all the money goes on building roads for cars."

Rose Ades, a spokeswoman for the Cyclists' Public Affairs Group, said that the government should automatically include cycling in all road schemes. Because 70 per cent of accidents occur at junctions, the group wants more "advance stop lines", areas in front of cars at traffic lights where cyclists can wait safely.

Major liberated by economic upturn and prospect of Maastricht victory

John Major last night cleared up any doubts about where he stands on Europe. To his evident frustration, he has had to restrain his public comments during the committee stage of the Maastricht treaty bill in order to minimise the split among Tory MPs.

Now, with victory in sight, he is no longer constrained by the priorities of party management: in effect a minority of 20 to 30 on such a key item of legislation. The growing evidence of recovery and the unexpected fall in unemployment for the second month running have also liberated him, as he showed in his

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ebullient performances in the Commons and in television interviews last night.

In his speech to the Conservative Group for Europe, which he personally drafted last weekend, he committed himself to the pro-EC side. What was striking was its tone and style as much as the substance. The contrast could not have been greater with the uneasily nationalist approach of his party conference speech last October. He returned to his commitment of two years ago to put Britain at the heart of Europe.

Mr Major was dismissive of the Euro-sceptics as being like the fat boy in the *Pickwick Papers*, wanting to make your flesh creep, and who practise "a sort of phantom grandeur, a clanking of unusable suits of armour". He derided a Little England view and rejected the idea that Britain should form some kind of association with an American free trade area or that we "should stick at a common market and no more", which he described as a "a narrow, unexalted vision".

Instead, he offered a positive view of Britain's place in an outward looking EC, championing the single market and enlargement. Unlike previous speeches, he emphasised the advantages rather than the drawbacks of the treaty, "warts and all. Maastricht makes Europe better". There was no attempt to conjure lurid visions of Brussels federalism. He *did* return to the familiar theme of subsidiarity, which he called "national precedence", but he presented this alongside areas where countries need to work together, such as migration, environmental degradation, nuclear proliferation, drugs, political instability to the east, terrorism and protectionism.

The speech marks a turning point. While never a Euro-enthusiast himself, Mr Major has aligned himself with the vast majority of Tory MPs who favour an active British role in the EC. He displayed his contempt for the hard core of anti-Maastricht MPs who have caused him so much trouble — and implicitly also for the views of Baroness Thatcher. Although Mr Major is seeking to isolate the Euro-sceptics on policy, he will not try to turn them into martyrs.

During the committee stage, Mr Major restrained some of the stronger pro-Europeans so as not to incite the rebels on the grounds that he has to lead the party after the bill. With a majority of only 20, he cannot afford to antagonise an already hostile group.

Mr Major should not celebrate too soon. William Cash and his anti-Maastricht allies are far from giving up the fight. They have plenty of plans to trip up the treaty at its report stage early next month, in the Lords from June onwards, and in the courts. However, with the Danes now looking increasingly likely to vote yes on May 18, the initiative has, at last, shifted to the government. Mr Major showed last night that he appreciates the need to lift the European debate out of the procedural morass of the past year. He has offered what can even be called a vision of a Europe that is "larger, more open and less intrusive". He no longer has to be on the defensive.

PETER RIDDELL

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Referendum vote splits main parties

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE three main political parties were split down the middle in the vote early yesterday on a Labour backbench amendment calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

Thirty-eight Conservative MPs, 12 more than the anti-Maastricht hard core, went into the division lobbies with 62 Labour MPs and 14 Liberal Democrats. In addition six Ulster Unionists and three Scottish National MPs backed the call for a plebiscite, defeated by 241 votes.

The scale of rebellion in both Labour and Conservative parties was greater than the bald figures suggest. More than 150 MPs declined to take part in the vote, most of them from the two main parties. Many were thus withholding their backing for the frontbench line. At least ten of the Conservative abstainers have in the past voiced reservations about the government's European stance.

The internal party divisions explained why all three parties were more than happy for the crucial vote, awaited for months, to take place in the middle of the night away from the cameras and beyond the deadlines of most newspapers. Labour was operating what one source described yesterday as a "relaxed three-line whip".

Maastricht rebels claimed yesterday that their true support was severely understated by the vote because of the high number of abstentions and the certainty that many frontbenchers required to toe their leaderships' line would have supported a referendum on a free vote.

The Liberal Democrats were split 14-5, with Paddy Ashdown and Charles Kennedy supporting a referendum, and Sir David Steel and Sir Russell Johnston against.

☐ 'Yes' vote: Tories — Rupert Allason (Torbay), Vivian Bendall (Ilford N), Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Upminster), Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent N), Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW), John Carlisle (Luton N), Michael Carttiss (Great Yarmouth), William Cash (Stafford), James Cran (Beverley), Nirj Deva (Bremford and Isleworth), Iain Duncan-Smith (Chingford), Bob Dunn (Dartford), Peter Fry (Wellingborough), Sir George Gardiner (Reigate), Christopher Gill (Ludlow), Teresa Gorman (Billericay), Harry Greenway (Ealing N), Bernard Jenkin (Colchester N), Toby Jessel (Twickenham).

Roger Knapman (Stroud), Sir Ivan Lawrence (Burton), Barry Legg (Milton Keynes SW), Michael Lord (Suffolk Central), Tony Marlow (Northampton N), Sir Roger Moate (Faversham), James Pawsey (Rugby & Kenilworth), Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills), Sir Trevor Skeet (Bedfordshire N), Michael Spicer (Worcestershire S), Walter Sweeney (Vale of Glamorgan), Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey E), Sir Teddy Taylor (Southend E), John Townend (Bridlington), Bill Walker (Tayside N), John Whittingdale (Colchester S & Maldon), John Wilkinson (Ruislip Northwood), Ann Winterton (Congleton), Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield).

Labour — Diane Abbott (Hackney N & Stoke Newington), Irene Adams (Paisley N), Harry Barnes (Derbyshire NE), Tony Benn (Chesterfield), Andrew Bennett (Denton & Reddish), Gerald Bermingham (St Helens S), Jim Callaghan (Heywood & Middleton), Anne Campbell (Cambridge), Dennis Canavan (Falkirk W), Jamie Cann (Ipswich), Malcolm Chisholm (Leith), Eric Clarke (Midlothian), Harry Cohen (Leyton), Michael Connarty (Falkirk E), Jeremy Corbyn (Islington N), Jean Corston (Bristol E), Ian Davidson (Govan), Denzil Davies (Llanelli), Terry Davis (Hodge Hill), Brian Donohoe (Cunninghame S), Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe & Nantwich).

Frank Field (Birkenhead), George Galloway (Hillhead), Bryan Gould (Dagenham), Thomas Graham (Renfrew W & Inverclyde), Bernie Grant (Tottenham), Mike Hall (Warrington S), Jimmy Hood (Clydesdale), George Howarth (Knowsley N), Lynne Jones (Selly Oak).

Jane Kennedy (Broadgreen), Ron Leighton (Newham NE), Terry Lewis (Worsley), Ken Livingstone (Brent E), Eddie Loyden (Garston), John McAllion (Dundee E), William McKelvey (Kilmarnock & Loudoun), John McWilliam (Blaydon), Max Madden (Bradford W), Alice Mahon (Halifax), Dr John Marek (Wrexham), Bill Michie (Heeley), Chris Mullin (Sunderland S), Colin Pickthall (Lancashire W), Gordon Prentice (Pendle), Terry Rooney (Bradford N), Ted Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney).

Peter Shore (Bethnal Green & Stepney), Alan Simpson (Notts S), Dennis Skinner (Bolsover), Llewellyn Smith (Blaenau Gwent), Nigel Spearing (Newham S), Gerry Steinberg (City of Durham), George Stevenson (Stoke on Trent S), Sir Harold Walker (Doncaster Cent), Robert Wareing (Liverpool W Derby), Mike Watson (Glasgow Central), Alan J Williams (Swansea W), David Winnick (Walsall N), Audrey Wise (Preston), Jimmy Wray (Provan), Dr Tony Wright (Cannock & Burntwood).

Liberal Democrat — David Alton (Mossley Hill), Paddy Asbdown (Yeovil), Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed), Menzies Campbell (Fife NE), Don Foster (Bath), Nick Harvey (Devon N), Simon Hughes (Southwark & Bermondsey), Nigel Jones (Cheltenham), Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty & Skye), Liz Lynne (Rochdale), Ray Michie (Argyll & Bute), Matthew Taylor (Truro), Paul Tyler (Cornwall N), James Wallace (Orkney & Shetland).

Other parties — Roy Beggs (UUP, Antrim E), Margaret Ewing (SNP, Moray), James Molyneaux (UUP, Lagan Valley), Peter Robinson (DUP, Belfast E), William Ross (UUP, Londonderry E), Alex Salmond (SNP Banff & Buchan), The Rev Martin Smyth (UUP, Belfast S), John D Taylor (UUP, Strangford), Andrew Welsh (SNP, Angus E).



Mandarins get their hands dirty

BY JILL SHERMAN

ENCOURAGED by Michael Heseltine, civil service mandarins yesterday swapped their trenchcoats and briefcases for overalls and spanners and joined the production line at Rover's factory in Birmingham.

Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, wants civil servants to "get their hands dirty" to see how the other half works. Staff at his Whitehall department will be seconded to work on the shopfloors of big car and component manufacturers throughout the country. The scheme is being extended throughout Whitehall as part of a drive to give civil servants more experience in business and industry.

"My officials will have a better insight into the everyday life of the companies we deal with if they have the chance to talk face-to-face to a wide range of workers and actually get their hands dirty," said Mr Heseltine, as he launched the scheme yesterday.

Yesterday's guineapigs were senior civil servants from the vehicles division, Martin Stanley and Rosemarie Simmonds. "They will work on the shopfloor and get very grubby," the DTI said.

AROUND THE LOBBY

New rifles missed the target

The 300,000 new rifles supplied to the army at a cost of more than £300 million have needed 32 modifications since coming into service in 1986, MPs on the all-party Commons defence committee were told yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

Although the SA80 rifle is now accepted as an accurate and reliable weapon and has been fired in anger in Bosnia, the catalogue of design faults delayed the in-service date by three years. Problems still remained, the MPs were told.

One outstanding design fault needing modification is the cleaning kit which will not be completed until next year.

Jane Binstead, head of finance in the ministry's land fighting systems department, said the 32 modifications, including the cleaning kit, would add about 9 per cent to the production costs.

The MPs were told that 60 per cent of the rifles in service had now been modified, including all those deployed in Bosnia. The rest would be modified by the end of this year or early next year.

Italy praised

John Major endorsed the decision of the Italian people to scrap proportional representation for their national elections. Speaking during prime minister's questions in the Commons, he said he had never made any secret of his opposition to PR. It was, he said, one of the few areas where he agreed with Labour left-wingers. Proportional representation, Mr Major said, was a divisive issue. "The Italians are right to scrap the backstairs deals that inevitably come with proportional representation."

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Next week

The main business in the Commons is expected to be:
Monday: Finance (no 2) bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Non-domestic rating (no 2) bill, second reading. Disability (grants) bill, remaining stages.
Wednesday: National lottery etc bill, remaining stages.
Thursday: Debate on Bosnia.
Friday: Private members' bills.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:
Monday: Trade union reform and employment rights bill, report.
Tuesday: Education bill, committee continued.
Wednesday: Debates on the pharmaceutical industry and on the merchant navy.
Thursday: Education bill, committee continued.

Tories' slender grasp at risk

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

BILL Dixon Smith is not given to easy clichés. Coming from a long line of farmers, he speaks deliberately, pondering every word. So when the chairman of the Association of County Councils tells of the potential "nightmares" facing local government, he commands attention.

The first nightmare, he says, will take shape in the early hours of May 7 if there are significant shifts away from the Tories in the previous day's county council elections. With a majority of only four on the association's 178-member executive council, the Tories have a fragile grip on the only cross-party council organisation under their control. Labour control of his association would complete a clean sweep. It already controls the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of District Councils.

Mr Dixon Smith shares the fundamental concern of many in local government that the public might perceive national government as being the natural preserve of the Tories, with Labour being viewed as the keeper of town and county halls. Although a staunch Tory, he realises that the associations must offer reasoned, even apolitical, responses to central government. It is therefore conceivable that, even if Labour controls the association, he could remain as chairman.

The council associations exert considerable influence in promoting the cause of local government. Their need to court the government has



rarely been greater than over the coming months when, Mr Dixon Smith fears, councils may be visited by a second "nightmare". The Local Government Commission will announce on May 17 its plans to restructure the first tranche of county councils, possibly replacing the current two-tier system of county and district councils with single unitary authorities being responsible for almost all services.

Mr Dixon Smith, a deputy lieutenant of Essex, lives in fear of the worst possible outcomes of the year-long review. "It would be disastrous if the government decides that the game is not worth the candle, stops it, and then kicks off another plan in five or ten years' time. Alternatively, it could create a new structure which would not be large or robust enough to withstand substantial future change."

As a county councillor since 1965, Mr Dixon Smith is familiar with radical change but his farming background leads him to favour allowing events to follow their natural course. He extends this even to council spending, which he believes need not be curbed by hardline capping by central government. "Let the people decide," he says.

Mr Dixon Smith acknowledges that the past "dreadful" behaviour of councils of all political hues over the poll tax has provoked the government into looking at ways of restructuring the council network. He is confident, though, that recently improved relations, and the complexity of the changes, will serve to dilute the government's plans for reform.

Lamont to brave the voters of Newbury

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont braves the voters of Newbury today to defend his economic record and promote Julian Davidson, the Conservative candidate in the May 6 by-election.

Tory aides decided to ignore poll findings that Mr Lamont is the most unpopopular post-war Chancellor. He will speak at the daily press conference alongside Mr Davidson, before touring a computer software factory.

Such a visit a few months ago might have provoked an outcry, but mildly encouraging employment figures and a slight lessening in the economic gloom are changing the atmosphere. Instead, disillusionment with all politicians seems to prevail.

Mr Davidson took to the gallops above Lambourn in yesterday's morning mist to watch Peter Walwyn's string limber up. Again, the timing was right, and the easing of the VAT regime for the bloodstock industry, announced in the March Budget, has defused much of the anger among the racing community. A few months ago, before the VAT decision, a visit to the Valley of the Racehorse — home of the 1992 Grand National winner, Party Politics — would have been ill-advised.

A record 19 candidates had declared themselves at the close of nominations yesterday. They are:

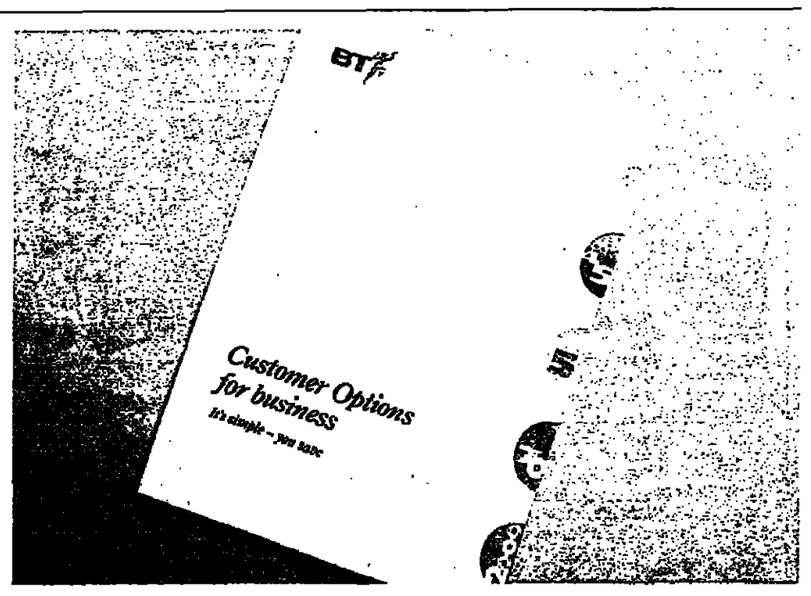
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☐ 1992 general election: J Chaplin (C), 37,135; D Rendel (Lib Dem), 24,778; R Hall (L), 3,962; J Wallis (Green), 539.
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Srebrenica shield may force change in Bosnia policy

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

■ The fate of Srebrenica's Canadian defenders, and the UN response if they are attacked, could alter the course of the war

CREATING a defensive *shield round the disarmed* Muslim inhabitants of Srebrenica, to protect them from further Serb assault, could do more to galvanise Western government policy-making on Bosnia than any other decision in the year-long war.

The tougher response by the United Nations military commanders on the ground could force the politicians to order air strikes or other *intervention if the Serbs* attempt to take Srebrenica. The fate of the town and its Muslim population now rests in the hands of the 150 Canadian soldiers who are on the spot. They are armed with 22 M113 armoured personnel carriers fitted with 50mm cannon and 7.62mm general purpose machineguns.

The fate of the Canadian troops, from the 2nd Royal Canadian Regiment led by *Lieutenant Colonel Thomas* Geburt, however, rests ultimately with the UN Security Council. If the Canadians are attacked by the Serbs and suffer casualties, Western governments will have little choice but to go for a military option in order to punish the perpetrators.

Clearly aware of the implications of the new development in Srebrenica, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, yesterday took the government a big step closer to approving air strikes. Until now he has adamantly opposed them, arguing that they would be of limited value and would endanger the lives of British troops escorting humanitarian aid convoys. In Washington yesterday he said the government would support such strikes if the security council asked for them.

The brutal siege of Srebrenica has been interpreted as a turning point in the war. This is because the assumption has been that, if the West failed to take a stand on behalf of the Muslims in *Srebrenica, Bosnia* and the Vance-Owen peace plan would be doomed.

The security council resolution ordering a bigger presence by the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Srebrenica and other parts of eastern Bosnia, and the weekend agreement between the Bosnian Serb and Muslim commanders to demilitarise Srebrenica, clearly serve as a watershed in the conflict.

Although peace remains as elusive as ever, the Serbs now realise that, if they begin shelling Srebrenica again, the West will have to act. The Canadians have neither the mandate nor the firepower to protect the Muslim citizens from an all-out assault.

Lieutenant General Lars-Eric Wahlgren, the Swedish commander of UN forces in Bosnia and Croatia, said yesterday that the Canadian troops had been ordered to protect the dimilitarised zone "as peacekeepers".

Their rules of engagement are the same as for all other UN troops in Bosnia. They can open fire only in self-defence. But they have sufficient firepower to provide protection against a limited attack. They have set up checkpoints at each end of the town and are patrolling the perimeter of the demilitarised zone, which is 2.5 miles long and a mile wide.



Prisoners of war: Serb soldiers captured by the Bosnian army this week await news of their fate in a Bosnian army lorry which arrived in Tuzla late on Wednesday. The Bosnians say they detained about 11 Serbs after fighting around the town

Unless the Serbs decide to ignore all the warnings and call the West's bluff, they are more likely now to turn their attention to the two other Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia, Zepa and Goradze, which is why it has become imperative for UN troops to move into the two towns and to follow the example set by the Canadians in Srebrenica.

The total of UN personnel in Srebrenica is now about 170. Apart from the 150 Canadians there are some unarmed UN military observers and unarmed civilian police. Unprofor officials are optimistic that the new arrangement in the town will hold. "We're not anticipating any shelling," one said.

This ceasefire was different from others which had been broken, he added, because the town was now demilitarised. If the Serbs shelled it, they would be shelling unarmed civilians and would face worldwide condemnation.

Yesterday the next battalion group of British troops set to take over from The Cheshire Regiment in Bosnia in May were completing their final training at Bergen-Hohne in Germany. An advance party from the battalion group based on the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire leaves on April 27 to begin the operation to relieve the Cheshires.

Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, commander of the Prince of Wales' Own, said the outbreak of fighting in central Bosnia between Croats and Muslims would not stop the British humanitarian operation. He admitted, however, that everyone was dispirited by the bloodbath on the doorstep of the British base at Vitez. His men acknowledged that they would feel frustrated having to watch, helpless, as atrocities were committed.

The troops have had intensive training for more than two months, including learning how to deal with road blocks and how to escort convoys.

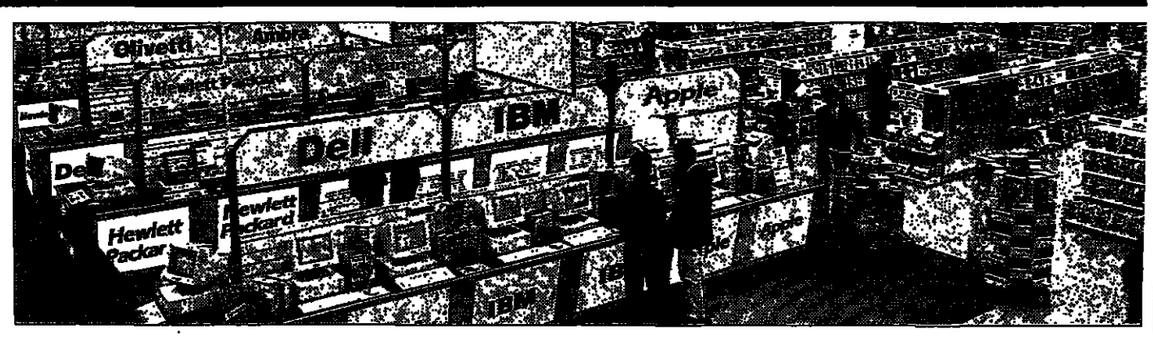
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Refugees bemused by war that turns friends into foes

From Adam LeBor in Stobrec, southern Croatia

Alma is three, a smiling round-faced girl with brown hair and eyes. Dressed in a purple and green sweatshirt, she snuggles into her mother's arms for shelter.

The child is a Bosnian Muslim refugee from the town of Donji Vakuf, now occupied by the Serbs. Both she and her mother Asima, 29, long to return to the home they were forced out of almost a year ago.

For a while, as the Vance-Owen peace plan gathered momentum, there seemed to be a chance that an end to the Bosnian war was in sight. But now a new conflict has erupted between the nominally allied Bosnian Croats and Muslims. So the refugees at the seaside camp on the Croatian coast know they are in for a long wait.

"I cannot understand this fighting," said Asima as she played with her daughter outside the caravan, donated from Italy, which is now their home. "Only a year ago we all lived together as friends and neighbours. It is madness."

Relief workers say that many of more than 500 mostly Muslim refugees listen intently to reports of the clashes and atrocities carried out during the fighting between Bosnian Croats and Muslims in central Bosnia.

News of the fighting is taking a mental toll, especially on the children. "They have a lot of psychological problems, wetting the bed and emotional difficulties," said a social worker, Grozdana Mathnovic.

As for the adults, says Ms Mathnovic, "they listen to the news all the time so they cannot sleep. They get nervous and neurotic. Whenever there is heavy fighting they complain of fresh pains".

A few of the refugees seemed to be falling prey to propaganda. "I have a radio and listen to the news. It is awful," said Vesna, 48, a Croat from Bugojno who fled last May with her family as the town was bombarded by Serbs. "Muslim extremists are going there and fighting the Croats. I don't know why."

Vesna said she was now more scared of the Muslims than of the Serbs. In this anarchic war, where allegiances shift and swirl, this is less bizarre than it might appear. British UN officers say that Muslims have told them they would rather live under a Serbian than Croatian flag.

"I never believed the Muslims would start attacks," said Vesna. "But now they are cleansing the area. They are like the Chetniks [Serb extremists], fighting the same war," she said.

Whatever the truth of Vesna's claims, compared with the squalor which refugees in central Bosnian towns such as Travnik are enduring, the displaced families in Stobrec lead civilised lives. In Travnik, several families shiver in one freezing room, huddling under blankets, and exist on rice and pasta. At Stobrec refugees get three meals a day, children go to school and most families have their own caravan.

But Stobrec is not home. "If you told the refugees they could go to America and make a fortune there or go home, they would all go home," said Ms Mathnovic.

Alma has not seen or heard from her father since he last visited from the front two months ago. Neither she nor her mother knows if he is still alive. They can only hope.

British frustrations spill over in Vitez

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simple. By mid-afternoon individual scores and vendettas were being settled by machinegun, artillery and the occasional rocket-propelled grenade. The UN protection forces were on constant call from villages claiming to be under attack. When two Spartan armoured personnel carriers approached the small hamlet of Gacice, they were blocked by the local HVO and not permitted to enter the village.

"This is typical of our situation out here," said Trooper Michael Large of the 9th/12th Lancers "This makes a complete mockery of the UN: we are called out to help and then not even allowed to go in. We cannot raise a finger."

In Vitez itself, the town centre has been completely destroyed by heavy artillery. Muslim children huddle for cover in the wreckage, awaiting the evening sniper fire. It is said by some soldiers that the snipers are only targeting the women and children in order to polarise further the two communities.

"The Muslims may win the battle, but they will not win the war," said Major Waters. "We are very concerned about a major battle developing here."

☐ **Air strikes:** Britain would favour selective air strikes rather than lift the arms embargo in Bosnia if Washington called for tougher action against the Serbs, Downing Street said yesterday (Jill Sherman and Ian Brodie write).

The apparent change in approach was also hinted at by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, after seeing Les Aspin, his American counterpart, in Washington. He said that raising the arms embargo was a "very unattractive" option, since the United Nations would have no control over how the weapons were used.

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Party leader disowns Andreotti

Amato steps aside to allow poll reform

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ Cold War enemies might join Italy's new government for the sake of electoral reform. First, there are old squabbles to settle

GIULIANO Amato, the Italian prime minister, announced his resignation in parliament yesterday to make way for a new government to oversee electoral reform.

Signor Amato made the announcement at the end of a parliamentary debate in which party leaders made clear a broader-based administration was needed to usher in a corruption-free Italy. The Socialist prime minister said he was going to the presidential palace to resign. In last weekend's referendum, Italians voted overwhelmingly for electoral reform.

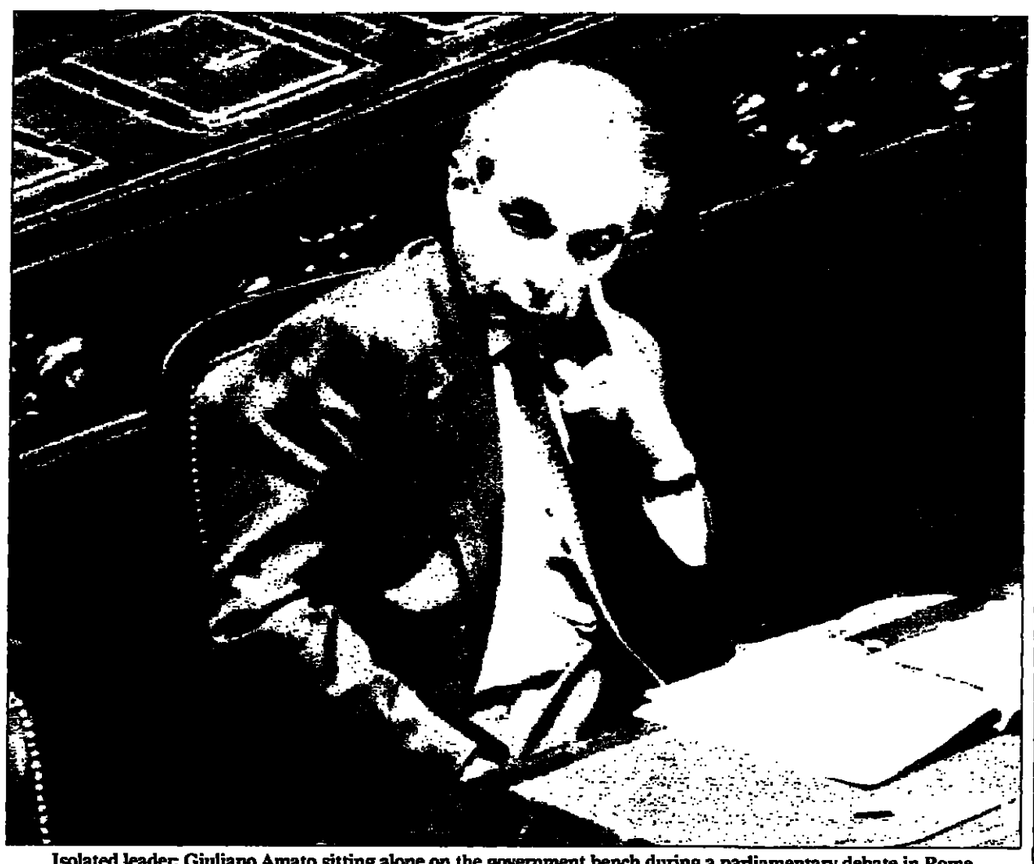
Last night a senate committee resumed examining a request to waive the parliamentary immunity of Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, so that he could face proceedings on charges of collusion with the Mafia. Yesterday Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat party leader, disowned the defence of Signor Andreotti, who claims there is a Mafia conspiracy against him.

Likely contenders to become prime minister include Giorgio Napolitano, of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies: Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the governor of the Bank of Italy; Giovanni Spadolini, the Senate Speaker and a Republican; and Leopoldo Elia, a Christian Democrat. The Lombardy League has called for Mario Segni, main organiser of the referendum, to head the executive.

Signs of a rapprochement between the Christian Democrats and their Cold War foes in the PDS continued yesterday, but the parties seem far from burying their old enmity. The PDS has said it is ready to join a broad-based "institutional government". However, the party's internal divisions are thought to cast doubt on whether it is ready to enter a government.

Some PDS members hope for an early election, with opinion polls putting their party ahead of the scandal-tainted Christian Democrats. But Sergio Mattarella, editor of the Christian Democratic paper *Il Popolo*, has said a new government would need at least six months just to introduce electoral reform, indicating that his party would not want a general election before the end of the year.

Signor Martinazzoli repeated yesterday his opposition to joining a government led by Signor Segni, who left the Christian Democrats shortly before the referendum.



Isolated leader: Giuliano Amato sitting alone on the government bench during a parliamentary debate in Rome yesterday. Despite his resignation, he agreed later to stay on for the time being as caretaker prime minister

Egyptian tourist attackers to hang

FROM AFP IN CAIRO

A MILITARY court in Cairo yesterday condemned eight Islamic militants to death for attacks on foreign tourists — including the murder of a British holidaymaker, Sharon Hill, in October. Those sentenced shouted "Allahu akbar" (God is greater).

The men, aged 20 to 25, were tried for eight attacks on tour buses and Nile cruises in southern Egypt. They were among 49 suspects on trial since March 9 for a series of attacks last year. Three more were sentenced to life imprisonment; seven, including three on the run, received prison terms of 15 years; 14 were jailed for two to ten years. The other 17 were acquitted. The trials were held in a military court under emergency laws.

The latest verdicts came two days after Safwat el-Sherif, the information minister, escaped an assassination *attempt outside his Cairo* home. Muslim militants claimed reponsibility.

Danes hear tepid repeat of EC debate as new vote nears

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THERE is a feeling of *déjà vu* in the air as the countdown for Denmark's second referendum on the Maastricht treaty gets under way.

The political establishment rails on about the dire consequences of another rejection, speaking in doomsday tones of mass unemployment, economic demise, falling living standards, isolation and Denmark being forced to quit the European Community, while the powerful farming, industrial and trade union lobbies bleat out much the same message to a country whose average citizen remains steadfastly suspicious about closer union with Europe.

A lacklustre 16-page newspaper, circulated to every Danish household, outlines the standpoints of the seven mainstream political parties recommending a "yes", the single rejectionist party in parliament, the right-wing Progress Party and the two grassroot organisations opposed to Maastricht — the Anti-EC Movement and the June Movement.



Rasmussen: banking on Edinburgh deal

The second referendum on Maastricht on May 18 is to be on a revised deal agreed by the European Council in Edinburgh last December allowing Danes to opt out of plans for a common EC currency, joint defence, union citizenship and supranational legal co-operation — aspects of the treaty deemed to have irked the electorate into rejecting Maastricht by a narrow 51 to 49 per cent in June last year.

With seven of the Danish parliament's eight parties campaigning for the Edinburgh deal and virtually the entire press in favour, the weighting in the media is overwhelmingly in favour of the "yes" camp as it was last year, yet the "no" sentiment refuses to go away.

With less than a month to go, the latest Gallup poll shows 47 per cent of Danes intending to vote "yes" in the referendum, 30 per cent "no" with 23 per cent undecided or not voting. These figures compare with 40 per cent "no" support and 37 per cent "yes" a month before last year's vote.

With the campaign due to hot up after parliament recesses on April 30 for the referendum, an advertising expert is warning politicians not to bungle away a "yes" again. Analysts agree that supporters of the Social Democrats, the country's biggest party, led by Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the new prime minister, tipped the balance towards a "no" in the first referendum by defying their leaders' advice to vote "yes".

Peter Hiort, of the agency involved in this year's "yes" campaign for the Liberal Party, says the reason for their rejection was pure chance. "The party's television presentation programme on Maastricht just before the vote clashed with the showing on a rival channel of *The Olsen Gang*, a folk comedy about three lovable, dithering petty criminals," he says.

A Social Democrat-led coalition came to power in January after ten years of Conservative-Liberal rule and analysts see this factor as helping the "yes" cause. Another positive factor is that the Socialist People's Party, one of the main "no" parties last year, was a chief architect of the Edinburgh deal and is campaigning for a "yes".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bhutto threatens to quit

London: Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's former prime minister, yesterday threatened to resign from the caretaker government formed five days ago (Our Foreign Staff writes). Last night she named five appointees to the 15-member interim cabinet, including Asif Zardari, her husband, after repeatedly saying throughout the day that she would not do so until President Ishaq Khan honoured a promise to sack all four provincial assemblies — Sind, Punjab, Baluchistan and North West Frontier — to allow a "free and fair election".

General jailed

La Paz: Bolivia's Supreme Court in Sucre sentenced General Luis Garcia Meza, 61, the military dictator from 1980-1, to 30 years in jail for crimes ranging from mass murder and torture to wholesale fraud against the state. *(Reuter)*

Past returns

Koblenz: Two former German soldiers, now 70 and 78, were charged with murder after an attack on 15 Italian women and children in Caiazzo, Italy, in 1943. Those killed were allegedly helping US forces. *(AP)*

Child smokers

Seville: More than half of Spanish children smoke by the time they are 15, more than in any other European Community country, according to figures compiled by the Spanish Lung and Chest Surgery Society. *(Reuter)*

Gays ruling

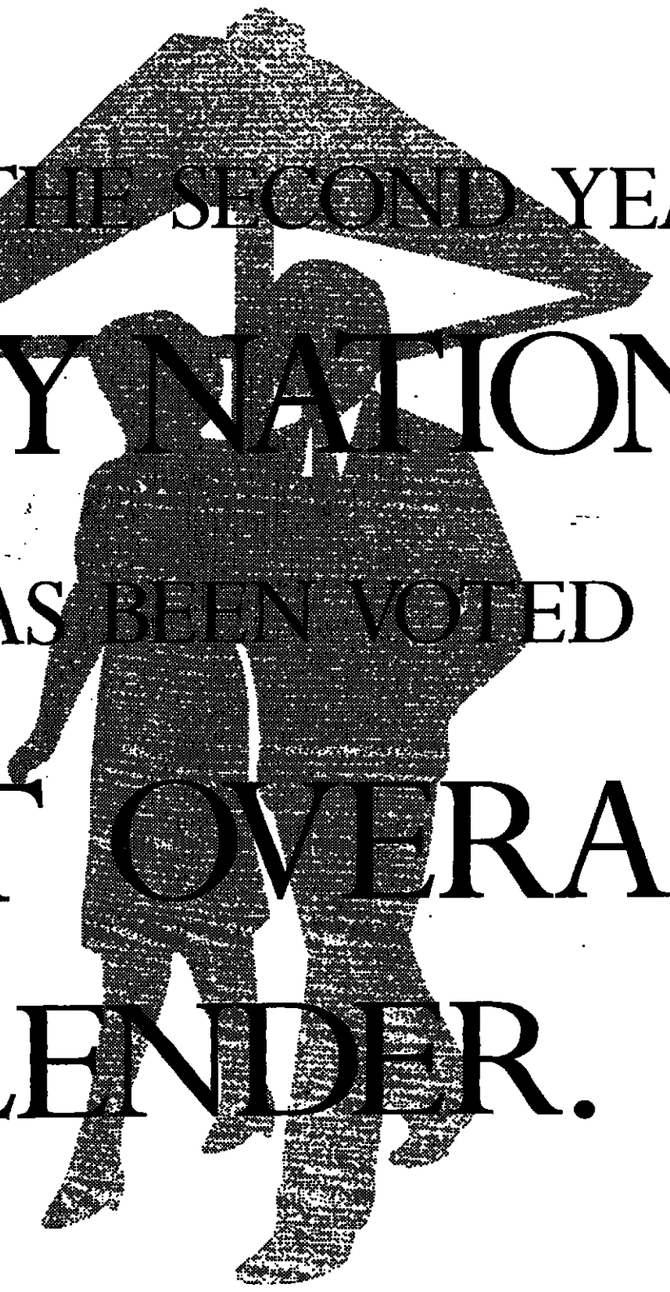
Strasbourg: Ruling that the law violates his right to privacy, the European Court of Human Rights has backed Alecos Modinos, 58, an architect on Cyprus who is trying to overturn the island's ban on homosexuality. *(Reuter)*

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De Klerk foresees black governing role in six weeks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ All 26 parties negotiating non-racial rule will meet on Monday and an election ending white rule is likely by the end of the year

A power-sharing arrangement that would see black involvement in governing South Africa for the first time could be ready within six weeks, according to President de Klerk.

In a speech to parliament in Cape Town, he gave fresh impetus to the multiparty negotiations that got under way again yesterday after a recess of three weeks. The ten negotiators were preparing for the first open negotiating session between all 26 parties to the talks, which will take place on Monday. Mr de Klerk told MPs that a transitional executive council could be in place by the end of next month. The council and its subcommittees would have multiparty oversight of the work of key ministries in the run-up to a non-racial election.

On Wednesday, Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister, and Cyril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general of the African National Congress, agreed that the council should be moved high up the agenda of the multiparty talks. An agreement on the council is one of the ANC's key demands in the programme of mass action it is planning for next month.

Yesterday the ANC's youth league announced a programme of marches, rallies and demonstrations, especially in KwaZulu and Natal. Lulu Johnson, deputy president of the league, said: "The need to create a climate for free political activity, particularly in Natal and KwaZulu, cannot be over-emphasised."

Mr Johnson also gave notice that all white policemen in Soweto had to leave the township by May 15 and be replaced by resident police. "In all instances where black people have been killed, the order to shoot and the execution have always come from white police officers," he said.

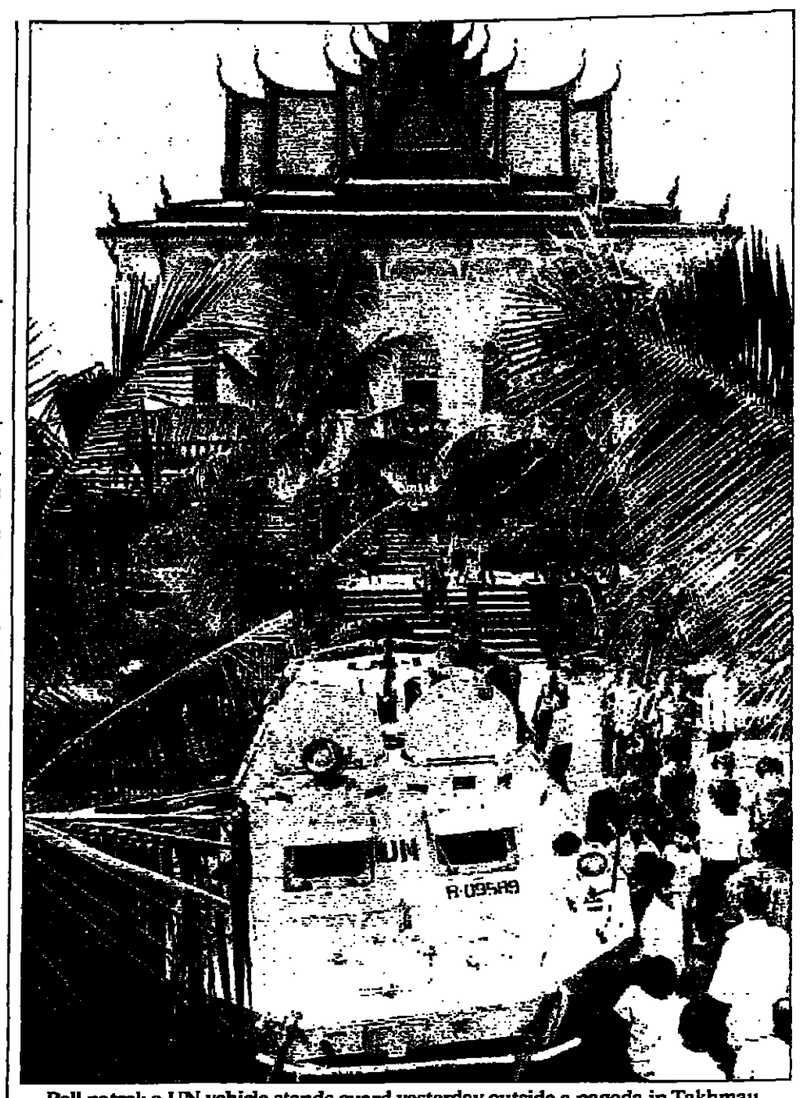
The league's plans for mass action are just some of those being organised by the ANC's constituent bodies. A national plan could be endorsed at a meeting of ANC leaders, the Communist party and the Confederation of South African Trade Unions next week. Nationwide demonstrations could follow on May day.

Another demand of the ANC and its allies is that an election date should be set that will bring a formal end to white rule. Mr de Klerk told parliament that it was not possible to set a date until consensus had been reached in negotiations, but an election this year was "not impossible".

He said it should be possible to reach agreement by the end of next month on an independent electoral commission, a new elections act and electoral boundaries. He also hoped for agreement on a commission to draw up regional boundaries for a transitional constitution and on the provisions of that constitution that would permit the establishment of a transitional government of national unity for five years.

He said he hoped for agreement on principles that would characterise a future constitution, a constitutional court and a bill of human rights. This may cause arguments because the black groups believe the constitution must be written by an elected constituent assembly, not bound in advance.

In the course of his speech, the president also said the government believes that the "independent" black homelands could be reincorporated into South Africa soon so that they could participate in the transition.



Poll patrol: a UN vehicle stands guard yesterday outside a pagoda in Takhmau, Cambodia, during a pro-government rally before next month's elections

Patten promises colony final say

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINESE and British officials talked privately in Peking yesterday about the political future of Hong Kong while Chris Patten, the governor, assured an anxious colony that there would be no secret agreements.

The talks, which come after months of wrangling over the governor's plans for democracy in Hong Kong, were adjourned at midday with both sides refusing to say whether they had achieved anything.

Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador, told journalists that a successful outcome would "take a little time". Wu Jianmin, the Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, would say only that this round of talks was likely to take three or four days. It is expected, however, that this will be the first of many rounds, with China trying to play for time.

In Hong Kong, Mr Patten issued a warning that there would be a "froth of speculation" if the talks dragged on for weeks. He challenged China to make alternative proposals for the 1994-95 elections, the last poll under British rule.

"There will be no hidden agreements," Mr Patten assured the legislature. "At the end of the day, it will be for you in this council to decide on the legislation."

Akihito lays war ghosts in Okinawa

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

EMPEROR Akihito and Empress Michiko will try to lay to rest lingering spectres of Japan's wartime past when they begin a four-day tour of Okinawa today. It will be the first imperial visit to the southern chain of islands that saw Japan's last stand against US troops in 1945.

Almost 200,000 Japanese died fighting in the name of Akihito's late father, Emperor Hirohito. Bitterness is still strong among older Okinawans over the wartime decision to use the islands as a buffer against invasion and the lack of a postwar imperial visit until today. The islands were administered by the US until 1972.

Security will be tight after a 1975 incident when a man hurled a petrol bomb at the then Crown Prince Akihito to protest at the emperor's responsibility for the war. This time more than 4,700 police will be mobilised for the tour, the main aim of which is for the emperor to plant a tree. The imperial couple will also see places of historical interest in and around the southern city of Itoman.

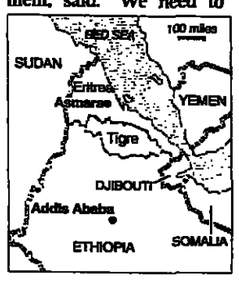
Democratic dawn comes slowly in war-weary Eritrea

FROM DAVID CHAZAN IN ASMARA, ETHIOPIA

Issaias Afeworki, the Eritrean leader, yesterday renewed his commitment to multiparty democracy, but he refused to set a timetable for promised elections which he said could take years to organise.

Addressing a news conference a day before a referendum expected to result in independence from Ethiopia, Mr Afeworki said his Eritrean People's Liberation Front would eventually disband to pave the way for political parties "to evolve naturally" after 30 years of civil war and repeated famine.

"We are reluctant at this stage to commit ourselves as to a definite time-frame for having elections," he said. "I would not even consider five years as a proper time-frame for the transition," Mr Afeworki, secretary-general of Eritrea's provisional government, said. "We need to



have democratic institutions above anything, but there are misconceptions about imposing democracies from outside without creating the proper ground for democracy." He said Eritrea "will not accept any conditions ... as far as democracy is concerned in this country. We have our own realities, our own traditions".

Eritreans are expected to vote for separation in a move that would leave Ethiopia landlocked, according to diplomats and foreign observers here to monitor what they say appears an unusually well-organised ballot for Africa.

Mr Afeworki said a commission would be named to draft a new constitution, including Eritreans outside the liberation front, which seized power from Mengistu Haile Mariam, the ousted Ethiopian dictator, in May 1991. He said there would be polls to choose "an elected representative body from among the population to decide on whether to accept or reject the constitution". He expected Eritreans to vote overwhelmingly for independence. "I don't think there will be significant opposition."

Mr Afeworki, 48, seemed to have recovered from cerebral malaria which he caught in January. He was flown to Israel for treatment on board a United States military plane.

Speaking in a conference room adjacent to his small office, cluttered with books and papers, he seemed relaxed, wearing an open-necked shirt and sandals. He said Eritrea's rapprochement with Israel, which has a permanent representative here, would not prevent good relations with Arab countries. His government has bought a plane from Israel, and is believed to be seeking Israeli help on irrigation projects.

He played down the significance of Saudi Arabia's closure of liberation front missions last month, saying it was a temporary move. Diplomats said a controversy had erupted after Eritrea refused a Saudi offer to fund the construction of mosques.

Mr Afeworki said some Islamic fundamentalist "so-called jihad groups" trying to establish a foothold in Eritrea were being funded by "elements in Saudi Arabia". Others, he said, had links to Afghanistan and Kuwait. But he said fundamentalism was "not a potential threat" to Eritrea, whose population, estimated at 3.5 million, is evenly divided between Muslims and Christians. About 1.2 million have registered to vote in the secret ballot, including 400,000 outside Eritrea.

The capital, Asmara, is still bubbling with nationalist euphoria after three decades of war. The Italian colonial buildings along its palm-lined streets have been freshly painted in soft pastel colours by order of the provisional government. Few policemen or armed guerrillas are seen, crime seems rare and beggars have been cleared from the streets.

Amare Tekle, head of the commission organising the referendum, admitted that some "overzealous" fighters may have intimidated voters, but vowed they would be punished. "Fighters voted early to keep them away from polling stations because their presence could scare people," he said.

Those who want independence will cast a blue ballot, those against a red one. Posters have appeared showing red as the colour of war and death, with horrific images of mutilated children and women and children. Blue is shown with flowers, peace and rebirth.

Eritrea has promised Ethiopia free access to the Red Sea port of Assab, but analysts say the potential for conflict is clear. Eritrean independence has raised fears that secessionist movements will emerge elsewhere in Africa. *(AFP)*

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Gunshot wounds challenge Waco suicides theory

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO

FEDERAL officials, according to one television report, said yesterday the bodies of at least three children had been found with bullet wounds in the Branch Davidian cult compound near here.

This adds to earlier evidence from the bodies of three adult men, discovered on Wednesday, which showed signs of recent death by gunshot wound. One had been shot in the back, ruling out the possibility of suicide.

Investigators said the fact that many bodies were found face-up suggested they were dead when fire engulfed the building on Monday. During a fire, people tend to keep their faces covered until the last moment, officials said.

Investigators continued what they called the "gruesome" task of sifting through the charred human remains left from the fire as they attempt to build up a more complete picture of the cult's last moments amid mounting evidence that hardcore cult members may have killed both adults and children as the blaze engulfed the site.

Though the investigation will take weeks, sharply differing accounts of events have surfaced: the FBI describes the incident as "another Jonestown," an act of mass suicide during which waverers may have been killed by the cult leadership to prevent them from escaping. Survivors of the blaze and their lawyers insist that the cult never contemplated mass self-immulation and tried to flee from the fire, which they say was ignited by the FBI when it rammed the compound with gas-propelling battery rams.

More than 40 bodies have been retrieved from the rubble, ten of them women and children, but investigators say that piecing together the forensic clues from debris in the compound is a daunting task and they may never be able to account for all the 86 people, including David Koresh, the cult leader, believed to have died in the inferno.

Explosives experts are also seeking to establish whether a huge explosion which tore the building off its foundations and sent a fireball 80 ft into the air was the result of a bomb. The authorities released letters written to the FBI by Koresh in the course of the 51 days of negotiations in which he threatened to blow up his, or rather God's, enemies, and officials speculate that the explosion might have been caused by a bomb intended to kill all members of the cult as well as federal agents in the event of an assault on the building.

Last night the White House and the FBI continued to offer divergent explanations for the decision to attack the compound with tear gas. Administration officials insist there was "overwhelming evidence" to show that the children in the compound were being systematically abused. The Justice Department and the FBI have said that they had "no knowledge of any such conduct since February 28".

Dick DeGuerin, the Houston attorney who represented Koresh and negotiated with the cult during the siege, has interviewed five of the nine survivors being held in a Waco jail. Mr DeGuerin said yesterday he was convinced Koresh and his followers tried to escape the fire but only a handful succeeded because the main entrance was blocked by fallen concrete.

On British television yesterday, two sisters of Derek Lovelock, a British survivor, said he was suffering nightmares over the children left to die in the flames. After spending 15 minutes with their brother in the Texas cell, Yvonne and Lorraine Lovelock told GMTV: "He just keeps getting flashbacks of the children screaming."

Islam's outpost stays wary of change

Michael Binyon sees the minarets and mosques revived by the Tatars. Eighth stop: KAZAN

CHRIS HARRIS



Christian witness: a Russian Orthodox nun keeping watch in the Peter and Paul Cathedral in Kazan

IN RUMPLED suits and with embroidered skullcaps on their greying heads, the old men prostrated themselves. Their 96-year-old imam, blind and frail, led the prayers.

The Khan of the Golden Horde was finally driven out when the armies of Ivan the Terrible entered Kazan in 1552, ending centuries of titanic clashes between Holy Russia and Islam. But the khan's heirs still worship in the mosques of his former capital and once again the green, red and white flag flies over Tatarstan.

The carpets, the mihrab indicating the direction of Mecca, the elegant geometric decoration, all recall the cool mosques of the Middle East. But here the double windows are bolted shut, the radiators are on and heavy coats hang in the entrance hall. This is Islam's most northerly outpost, deep inside the heartland of its old enemy.

Ruthlessly suppressed by the Orthodox conquerors and then the Communist atheists, Islam is finding acceptance again. Minarets pierce the skyline of this ancient trading city on the Volga, now a thriving metropolis of 1.2 million people and capital of the autonomous republic of Tatarstan. Six mosques are active in Kazan and 14 others are being repaired. Throughout Tatarstan, more than 120 are now open.

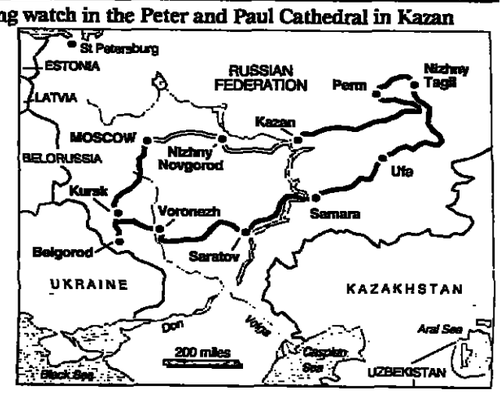
Imam Abdukhan Khazrat, the chief imam of the republic, welcomes the change in official attitudes to religion but is diffident about the role Islam should play in the emergent republic. He knows that, should President Yeltsin's opponents triumph, the self-declared independence of Tatarstan would soon be snuffed out, even by Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker of Russia's parliament, himself from the Muslim fiefdom of Chechen-Ingushetia.

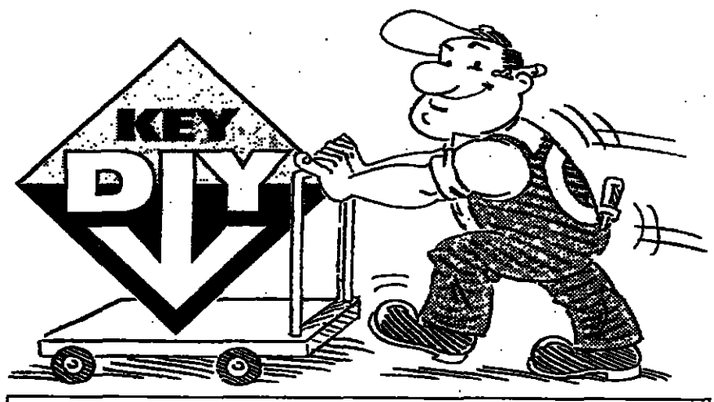
"We live in a religious society and are outside politics," he said of the referendum. "Each person can decide for himself. It is up to his conscience."

That is the kind of evasive answer so often given by religious leaders in the old days of communist oppression. Nowadays such diplomacy is needed to keep nationalism and fundamentalism in check: even in Tatarstan, Muslims form only 52 per cent of the population and they cannot afford a confrontation with Russia.

The imam's wariness was echoed by Mintimir Shamiyev, Tatarstan's president, who admitted that one of his main concerns was to keep the peace between the two communities. "Our people are rather sensitive," he admitted, delicately declining to be photographed against the background of the mighty cathedral or the ancient mosque that dominate Kazan's hilltop.

Tatarstan has insisted on pursuing its own economic policies and, cushioned by profitable oil exports, has held back from the more radical privatisation and price reforms. "We do not believe in shock therapy. We have our own programme of reform," Mr Shamiyev said.





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Moscow minister accused of fraud

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PAVEL Grachev, the Russian defence minister, was yesterday accused by the prosecutor-general's office of abusing his official position to profit from a property deal.

The claim came in a statement issued by the prosecutor's office which said it had evidence that Mr Grachev and other top ministry officials were implicated in a swindle over property belonging to former Soviet troops in eastern Germany. The statement said: "The prosecutor-general's office, investigating illegal deals involving the property of the Western Group of Forces, discovered new facts of abuse of official position by the commanders of the group, of the defence ministry, and personally by defence minister Pavel Grachev."

In a separate development, the parliamentary press office accused President Yeltsin of planning to rig Sunday's referendum result. It also accused him of planning to impose presidential rule from Sunday night with the help of armed bands of Cossacks. A spokesman for Mr Yeltsin dismissed the allegations as "lies and slander".

Mr Yeltsin, helped by a court ruling on Wednesday that resolved in his favour a dispute over voting rules and greatly improved his chances of success, made a new foray to the provinces to drum up support. Campaigning in Udmurtia, a region dominated by the arms industry, he forswore the use of force as a weapon in the political struggle which has endangered his grip on power.

"We shall have to take a series of tough steps, but certainly without soldiers," he told reporters.

☐ **Kiev:** Ukraine's parliament yesterday effectively vetoed government plans to declare the country a non-nuclear state. The decision will further handicap the Start 1 ratification timetable. The issue will not be debated again until the middle of next month.

West's guilt-driven aid merely papers over structural cracks

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ **Costly help for Russia and the Third World has failed to adapt to political changes. Trade reform on a huge scale is needed**

THE $43 billion (£28 billion) in aid promised to Russia by the Group of Seven leading industrial countries ahead of President Yeltsin's referendum on Sunday is merely the latest example of the West being driven by guilt to provide aid but with uncertain purpose.

The World Bank, not normally known for its originality, admits in *Global Economic Prospects and the Developing Countries*, a new survey, that "aid at the end of the Cold War needs rethinking as to its rationale". The end of the Cold War, however, was only one of the two seminal events to which Western foreign-aid policy has failed to adjust, the other being the collapse of the dogmatic economic certainties of the 1980s.

During the Cold War, the goal of foreign aid was simple: to prevent the developing world from turning communist. The trouble is, now that the Cold War has gone the old policies have remained.

The $24 billion aid package promised to Russia last year; last week's $43 billion package; the several hundred billion dollars that Germany is pouring into its eastern provinces, all have in common that they will probably not fulfil their original narrow purpose. Money transfers will not rid Russia of its conservative forces, Rostock of its neo-Nazis, or Somalia of its starving thousands.

Nor will it help much towards the economic transformation of countries and regions. The cause of the recent hardline backlash in Russia is not a lack of Western aid, but the harsh conditions on which such aid normally rests. If Russians support Mr Yeltsin in Sunday's referendum, they will do so not because of the Western aid package but in spite of it.

The second fundamental shift, the intellectual and political collapse of minimalism in economic policy, and the belief that wealth automatically trickles down to the poorest as long as everything is left to the private sector, led the West to its recent boom-bust pleasure ride, but was also the ideological core of foreign aid policy — with harsh consequences.

When the debt crisis arose in the early 1980s, the emphasis in foreign aid shifted towards a policy of structural adjustments. That policy has been much maligned, but it scored some impressive successes, especially in Central and South America.

The end of the Cold War and the economic reform in Eastern Europe has made it even more imperative to recognise the need for specific country-by-country strategies, a policy shift that has begun but that has much farther to go. The new democracies in Eastern Europe are not underdeveloped, they are misdeveloped, because their industrial structure is unsuited to a market economy.



Yeltsin: poll path is smoothed by the G7

Mass overnight privatisation or other economic conjuring tricks will not solve those problems, merely shift them to the private sector. What Russia needs is a micro-strategy of industrial modernisation. It does not yet need a monetary policy sound as the Bundesbank's, let alone a private sector as varied as America's.

The need for a structural approach is especially acute in the Third World, where the failure of 50 years of co-ordinated aid policy and guilt-ridden food charity have become most apparent. The rural population below the poverty line is estimated to be 939 million and growing.

The West's response has been food aid, which fills donors with self-satisfaction while papering over the fundamental faults in the recipient country. A structural approach would target, among other things, the improvement of land, abused by unsustainable farming methods, land ownership reform and irrigation.

More is needed, however, than a mere shift from macro to micro-economics. What is also required is the integration of assistance policies into a comprehensive economic strategy, and that would have to include trade. Trade liberalisation on a scale that would go much beyond the present Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would be, at least for the time being, a political non-starter. It is, however, an issue that will have to be confronted eventually.

Trade liberalisation is always easier to advocate than to carry out because a comprehensive free-trade approach would invariably involve the slaughter of many sacred cows: Britain's romantic attachment to the coal industry, France's irrational attachment to small farmers, or Germany's difficulties with scaling down its steel industry.

The extent of Western protectionism is illustrated by the fact that the developing world pays as much in tariffs to the industrialised world as it receives back in official development aid: about $40 billion a year.

In the 1960s, a US senator, Everett Dirksen of Illinois, produced a much-quoted line on spending: "A billion here, a billion there and pretty soon you're talking about real money." If he were alive today, he would be surprised to learn that, when it comes to foreign aid, his famous dictum no longer holds.

Senate adds to Clinton's troubles

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

PRESIDENT Clinton has been forced to withdraw a $16 billion (£10.4 billion) package that was a key part of his plans to revitalise the American economy after the Senate's Democrat majority failed to end a three-week-long Republican Party filibuster.

The humiliating defeat puts the seal on the president's worst week in office, which began with criticisms over his conduct during the Waco disaster. Mr Clinton has admitted that he still has much to learn about Washington politics.

The president's virtually uninterrupted political joy ride ended after he had been in office almost 100 days. While Americans do not blame the president for the Waco deaths or the tactics used by the FBI, Mr Clinton was criticised widely over his inept attempt to distance himself from Janet Reno, the attorney-general. A day after the Waco conflagration, the president went out of his way to back the attorney-general and to claim responsibility. But by then the damage had been done.

Worse was to come on Wednesday when Senate Republicans, normally a hopeless minority, succeeded in throwing out his economically questionable package to stimulate the economy.

"I must say, there's a lot I have to learn about this town, as you can tell if you follow events from day to day," Mr Clinton admitted, with typical candour. It did not help when consolation arrived from Robert Dole, the Republican Senate minority leader, who had led the Senate filibuster. There was no need for despair, Senator Dole said. "It's just a bump in the road for President Clinton."

At the moment, the administration seems to lack policy initiatives. At the beginning of his presidency Mr Clinton scored a remarkable success with his economic plan, while plans for health care reform are not yet complete.

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Even the most frugal of us relish bouts of mad extravagance when life seems to be conspiring against them

Blow the cost, it's only money

This week, an Arab prince was stuck in a traffic jam on the way to the airport, and realised he would have to miss the Paris-New York Concorde. On being told that an ordinary 747 would take seven hours, he chartered another Concorde. It cost £162,500, plus the waste of his original group fare of £42,000. So off it flew (I bet they didn't make it wait for a runway), and he saved three-and-a-half hours.

I rather like the chap. Not only because, as Enoch Powell once said, "I am glad to know there are rich people around: it affects me like looking at sunsets, or snow-capped mountains": but because his £162,500 spend brings moral support to an army of us lesser wastrels. His was a special sort of extravagance — the splurge that dare not speak its name. It can strike at any moment, afflicting perfectly normal, frugal people whose Achilles heel is that they simply cannot bear to be thwarted. Or made late.

Unlike ordinary extravagance, this urge has nothing to do with luxury or generosity or celebration: it is a mad single-minded impetus to cut the Gordian knot, thumb your nose at bad luck, and spend your way crazily back into control of your circumstances. It is what makes tycoons buy up unwanted companies just to get one corner of a site; and drove one furious commuter to step off a stuck train in Stratford, cross to a sports shop and spend £200 on a bike which he later — so he claims — gave to the postboy at work.

This kind of spending brings a horribly addictive exhilaration: with one bound (though considerably more than one pound) you are free! Overdrawn, of course; but free. The prince's scale of spending is exotic, but his spirit is no different to the burst of rage and irrationality which made me, late one night when the speeches were over-running at a very formal London dinner, resolve to stop sweating about the last train and get in a black cab. All the way to Ipswich, at a cost of £130: and me



LIBBY PURVES

a woman who re-uses teabags. I was cutting a knot, buying time and power and the right to sleep in my own damn bed.

And who — except the most seriously broke — can claim they never did such a thing? Who has not committed some inconsistency such as booking a package holiday, mending their sunglasses with Elastoplast and then deciding to spend a night at an airport hotel rather than get up at four o'clock to drive to the flight?

Corporate money is even more readily splurged. The extravagance of TV producers used to be a by-word: many a London cabbie can tell you tales of £90 fares incurred driving round London to fetch a particular design of plate for a picky sitcom producer ("Never saw it on the screen, either").

Back in the eighties it was not unknown for London bike messengers to turn up, wild-eyed and lost, on our east Suffolk doorstep with some footling PR press release which could as well have gone in the post, only some over-excited executive with big hair commanded that it be rushed to me today.

I was once transported to a quite modest school's prize-giving ceremony, as guest speaker, in a chartered helicopter just so I would be there for lunch: the headmistress's associates privily murmured to me that she had had "a bit of a rush of blood to the head". As one film producer used to cry, as he chartered a train or rebuilt a location, "Let's solve this one by throwing money at it".

It was, of course, not his money. But "Let's throw money at it" has become a family by-word for the family weakness. Our sofa may be disgustingly threadbare, my desk a slice of unvarnished tree (1987 hurricane victim) balanced on two rusty filing-cabinets; the barge-boards rotting off the ends of the house; the fridge a candidate for the Science Museum. Yet every month or so, someone will utter a liberatingly insane suggestion like "Oh damn it, we'll hire a couple of chaps" or "Send a taxi round for it". And so on, until it is credit-card-shredding time again. Can't be helped. Somewhere inside the humblest of us lurks an imperious, an extravagant, a not-to-be-thwarted shaikh.

A rumour refuses to die

Was Princess Grace murdered by the Mafia — and was her daughter at the wheel of her car? **Charles Bremner** reports from a country addicted to conspiracies

Money, power, beauty and death are the ingredients of any good conspiracy theory. Add Italy's current frenzy over the Mafia to the French conviction that nothing ever is as simple as it looks and you have an explanation for a local revival this spring of that old chestnut: the "murder" of Princess Grace.

A few elements have come together in the bars of the Côte d'Azur to revive the embers of one of two theories that took off at the same time as the news that Grace Kelly's Rover had driven off a cliff in September 1982. One held that it was really the 17-year-old Princess Stephanie who had been at the wheel. The one doing the rounds again said the princess was the victim of Mafia assassins.

Motives were only darkly hinted at but they usually involved some intoxicating cocktail which mixed in Prince Rainier, the Mob and the hugely lucrative financial operations conducted from the principality. Frank Sinatra and Hollywood sometimes make an appearance. No one has ever produced the slightest evidence to support either tale. The police at the time found the brakes to have been in good order and a French autopsy showed that the princess had suffered a cerebral haemorrhage. This accorded with Stephanie's report that her mother had blacked out and then appeared confused as her car skidded through the rail on a dangerous curve.

Prince Rainier pleaded with the tabloid media to leave the theories alone. "When the press makes up a story about the Mafia wanting to kill Grace, though I can't for a moment see why the Mafia would want to kill her, if there was some interpretation that seemed even only minutely possible, I'd say, all right. But when they keep rehashing the story that Stephanie was driving and they know it's not true, when they know it's been proven that she wasn't driving, it hurts all of us," he said in a rare interview four years ago.

Though most of the shock on the Côte this spring involves the removal of VAT exemption from luxury yachts registered in Britain, tongues were set wagging again on the Grace story in February because of the release of a report by a French parliamentary commission. This alleged that Monaco was used as a laundering base for the funds of the Cosa Nostra and the Camorra of Naples. It mentioned, *en passant*, Princess Caroline's late husband Stefano Casiraghi, but made no reference to the princess or her accident and alleged no wrongdoing by the royal family. But it was enough for Jacques Bidalou, a former judge, to call for a new investigation.

The attraction of a juicy theory is usually enough for scribes to forget to mention that M Bidalou is what is politely known as an eccentric. A crusader against what he sees as establishment plots to exploit the commonfolk, M Bidalou made himself such a nuisance with frivolous and fanciful summonses when he worked as a judge in a suburban Paris traffic court, that he was sacked from the bench in 1986, the first investigating magistrate to be disbarred since the second world war. He is now campaigning as a private citizen.

It is no surprise that skulduggery should continue to be imputed to Grace Kelly's death, given the basic ingredients, plus all the sensational books about her allegedly less than fairy-tale life as a Hollywood actress. The ground is especially fertile in France because of the Gallic belief that higher powers are constantly machinating to pull the wool over the eyes of a gullible populace.

The deaths of President Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe are nothing beside the lurid conspiracy theories and rumours which have been circulating in France for centuries. These are fuelled by the paternalistic nature of French power and the secrecy with which the state and the governing classes still manage to stifle embarrassing actions.

The French language is studded with words for dealing with conspiracy and the manipulation of opinion, which have no real equivalent in English, such as *la manipulation, l'intoxication, la provocation*.

In the mid 18th century, for example, the tavern experts were certain that children were being murdered to give their blood to the king, who was supposed to be suffering from leprosy. In 1832, the rich merchants of Paris were said to be behind a cholera epidemic. The Dreyfus affair in the late 19th century brought to the fore the notion of a conspiracy by an international Jewish league which can still be heard in the utterances of Jean-Marie Le Pen and his National Front party. In the Gulf war, official denials did little to change the conviction of citizens in the south that the Iraqis had managed to hit Nice, Marseilles or some other city with a Scud or other missile.

The love of rumour goes hand in hand with conspiracy. The widespread belief that the entertainment industry was covering up the truth for its own gain forced two stars into public denials in recent months. Isabelle Adjani, the actress, went public to say she did not have Aids and Sheila, the 1960s pop singer, went on television to say she was not really a man. In recent weeks, the blanket of silence that covers the private lives of public people in France has prompted wild conspiracy theories on the sudden death earlier this month of Philippe Habert, the son-in-law of Jacques Chirac.

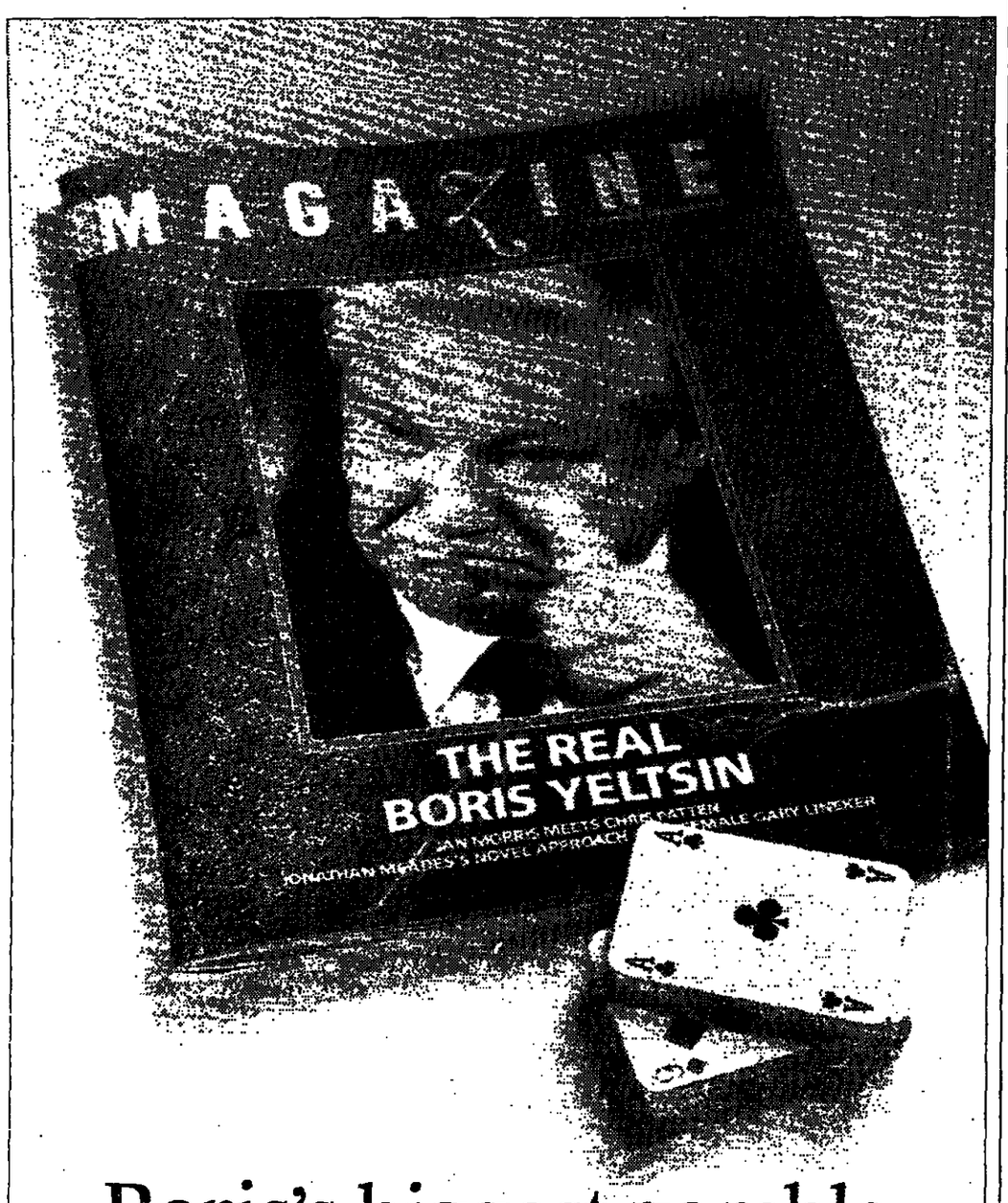
In the French spirit, there is an abundance of theory to explain the country's attachment to rumour and conspiracy and there is even a "Foundation for the Study of Rumours", attached to a Paris university. Jean-Noel Kapferer, the sociologist who heads the foundation, explains that the imagination runs away because people are convinced that "they are not telling us everything so they must be hiding something from us". Theories of the Kelly variety satisfy a deep public need to impose a sort of morality on life, an impulse known to every tabloid editor. Beautiful, rich and powerful, Grace needed to be brought down to the level of ordinary people in an act of retribution.

M Kapferer's outfit does not just spend its time theorising. They run a Paris hotline, "Allo Rumeurs", which citizens are invited to call to pass on good rumours they have heard or report that they themselves are victims of lurid tales.

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The legend lives: 11 years on, wild theories still circulate about Princess Grace's death



Boris's biggest gamble.

Tomorrow, Anne McElvoy explains how a poor boy from the Russian backwoods became the hard-drinking, plain-speaking Russian President. But can he survive Sunday's referendum? THE TIMES

Purchasing power in Tokyo

Japan's scandal-prone politicians are the butt of a new black comedy, reports **Joanna Pitman**

SHIGEOSHI Matsudaira, a senior politician of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, has heavily lidded eyes, drooping jowels, the build of a debt collector and the expression of an evil Roman senator. Yesterday, however, he was practising his range of ingratiating smiles.

Sitting back in an armchair in his provincial constituency office, he received one supplicant after another with a dazzling grin and leant forward to listen, with exaggerated sympathy, to their problems. The first arrival, an anxious mother, explained that her teenage son had damaged her car while driving without a licence. "What might persuade Master Matsudaira to arrange for legal proceedings to be dropped?" she asked. Mr Matsudaira hinted discreetly that a small consideration of a million yen in new notes would do the trick.

The next visitor was a man who wanted a university entrance place transferred from his bright daughter to her less able twin sister. "Yes, yes. If three million yen can be delivered in cash, it'll be done within the week."

The third to be ushered in was a harried and furtive young businessman, lugging four large carrier bags bursting like overstuffed pillows with 10,000-yen (£50) notes. He had been sent by his ambitious construction company employers, eager to win a lucrative forthcoming contract to build a new bridge. "We'll think about it," said Mr Matsudaira with one of his carefully crafted half smiles. There could be other competitors to consider, he explained, but his mind might be made up within the hour if more carrier bags were forthcoming.

After two dozen more visits from his constituency faithful, resulting in a total haul for the day of several hundred million yen, Mr Matsudaira wound up his "surgery" and boarded the bullet train back to the Diet (Japan's parliament) in Tokyo.

It had been a typical excursion, tiring but profitable, and entirely familiar to Japan's leading LDP politicians. Fifty-eight of them sat goggle-eyed as they watched the actor Ken Ogata play the fictional role of Mr Matsudaira at a cinema preview of a new black comedy *Off we go to the Diet*.

As they emerged blinking into the daylight after the film, pulses racing at the prospect of the political world's mercenary shenanigans being so graphically exposed to public scrutiny, several MPs admitted to considerable alarm. "There are many scenes which reminded me of reality and gave me a shock," said former finance minister Tsutomu Hata. Yanosuke Narasaki, an MP for the opposition Democratic Socialist Party also chose his words carefully. "Although there are some exaggerations, most of it is non-fiction."

The film, which took two years to make and will be released to the general public next month, is blessed with an uncanny prescience. Mr Matsudaira's nonagenarian mentor falls from grace after being exposed as the centre of a multi-billion dollar bribery scandal and Mr Matsudaira sets up a new LDP faction devoted to political reform — a story which precisely echoes developments in the LDP over the last few months.

Shin Kanemaru, the 79-year-old former LDP vice-president and the shadowy backstage kingmaker responsible for selecting Japan's last four prime ministers, resigned his party post and his parliamentary seat last autumn after admitting pocketing 500 million yen in illegal political donations from a trucking firm and paying a risible 200,000 yen in fines.

> The going rate for a vote is the price of a CD player

Then last month, the evidence of years of political power-broking began to pour out from behind the walls of Mr Kanemaru's offices and homes. Stacks of solid gold bars as well as cash and anonymous bearer bonds worth seven billion yen (£40 million) were discovered in cupboards and safes, just some of the offerings accumulated from ambitious companies and individuals whose judgment of who's who in Japanese politics has, up to now, been spot on.

Mr Kanemaru, whose money trail is still under investigation by public prosecutors, had clearly stashed away some of the booty for his own personal use (it emerged that his wife had gone on a real estate shopping spree in Hawaii on the proceeds). But he had also judiciously distributed portions of it among other MPs in his faction. They in turn scattered it, in time-honoured electioneering fashion, along their campaign trails like confetti at a wedding. Each spent up to 100 million yen, a practice which has kept the LDP in uninterrupted power for 38 years.

The going rate for a vote these days is said to be the price of a CD player and Japan's demanding electorate expects to be wooed with lavish parties, jaunts to hot spring resorts and plenty of "election o-nigiri" — rice cakes filled with fish and wrapped in seaweed and a 10,000-yen note.

Reluctant to reform the corrupt system that has empowered them, leading LDP politicians still pay only lip service to a decades-old movement to clean up Japan's venal political system which resurfaces with each new corruption scandal.

LATE last year however, Ichiro Ozawa, Mr Kanemaru's acolyte and the model for the film's Matsudaira character, formed a new LDP splinter group, Reform Forum 21 is devoted to the pursuit of "clean and honest politics" and has caused agitation in the ranks of the LDP gerontocracy. But its decision to stay within the LDP fold, presumably to retain access to those vital campaign funds, indicates its ultimate impotence.

Also blocking the growth of Mr Ozawa's apparent reformist zeal is the glaring lack of outrage from a public jaded by an endless stream of corruption scandals, tearful apologies and homilies on the need for change. Fed by a national press that has a fine tradition of lampooning politicians as corrupt, second-rate opportunists, most Japanese tend to greet each new scandal with equanimity, the voyeurs among them revelling in the public shame of their leaders.

After all, it is not the politicians who really run Japan. As long as the business and bureaucratic worlds can carry on enriching the country, in spite of the politicians, the public can sit back and enjoy the fun of the show.

The minister, a priest and the road to Rome

Ann Noreen Hugh Widdecombe explains why women priests sparked her loss of faith in the Anglican Church

Roman Catholicism suits Ann Widdecombe: it calls a sin a sin. Such certainty appeals to her. On Wednesday morning she put on a turquoise Berkertex frock and a small schoolgirlish hat, and crossed the bridge. She was received into the Catholic church in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral, in the company of Cardinals Manning and Newman, whose bones repose there. Later came the historic mass in the crypt of the House of Commons, the first since the Reformation. Between the two ceremonies, she returned to the secular, well-upholstered calm of her Whitehall office, where we met.

Miss Widdecombe's usually brisk manner had clearly not been soothed into a state of beatitude for her great day. On *Newsnight* we saw poor Peter Stanford, editor of the *Catholic Herald*, simpering that he had always regarded her as an honorary Catholic, and getting roundly rebuked by her for questioning the Catholic bishops' discussions on the traffic of souls to Rome. "I am *appalled* by what I am hearing," she snapped. "Where is the welcome, where are the open arms, why this grudging attitude?" And that morning on Radio 4, the Reverend-to-be Brian Redhead dared to mention that the Commons crypt was where Oliver Cromwell tethered his horse. "You may make what mock you like!" Miss Widdecombe had bridled in the crabbed tones that are always instantly recognisable when we wake up to them on the *Today* programme.

In person, she is not so daunting: just businesslike, and fearless of unpopularity. "Pope or pensioners?" she asks crisply at the outset. Short and square in figure, in manner and in haircut, Miss Widdecombe is a plain dealer. She is 45, single and single-minded, wedded to politics. Her view that politics is not a job but a way of life is not just a lazy cliché but a dictum. As a backbencher, along with her arch opponent Dennis Skinner — their approach is not dissimilar — she topped the poll for her Commons voting record (98 per cent in 1988) and scorned the idea of having a "pair" as she was hardly ever absent.

Interests like riding horses, researching the exile of Charles II, and reading Quintillian (her first degree was in Latin, a more useful intellectual discipline than the PPE she later read at Oxford) are suspended. She has not even time to dig her small garden in Kent. It is maintained by a team of mentally handicapped gardeners from a laudable scheme called Spadework.

There is no point in arguing with her about women priests, any more than in arguing the case for choice in abortion because there is no common principle on which to begin. For her, and others, the *Church of England ceased to* be a catholic and apostolic church on November 11. She is all for women rising high. But women have never been, and cannot be, part of the apostolic succession, no matter what her former fellow Anglicans or the Archbishop of Canterbury may think.

Even her own family were divided. Her brother, a C of E Canon ("evangelical Pentecostal — the works") and her mother were like her, anti

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women priests; her father, retired from the Admiralty, was pro. The Widdecombe family, peppered with vicars and lay readers, are old C of E, and their household was an evangelical one, scathing about Catholic practices. "I would never have called the altar an altar, it was the Lord's table. I was even tangentially involved in helping at Billy Graham rallies in the 1960s. But one grows wiser and more tolerant, and I would never talk about Protestants today, as a Catholic, as I used to talk about Catholics, as a young Protestant."

However, her maternal grandfather was a Roman Catholic, and she now wears his crucifix and has his rosary "for which my mother thought she'd never find a use . . ." And her parents did send her to a strict convent school in Bath, La Sainte Union de Sacré Coeur, for its academic rigour. "It was pre-Vatican II: Latin mass, priest with his back to the people, mortal sin to eat meat on Friday, bed at 7.30 on Saturdays, up at 6.30 to go to mass. Sunday walks in our *Sunday* hats in a formal crocodile. We got order marks if seen outside the grounds without our gloves on. It was a bygone age."

But it was being in the minority there, a practising Protestant "assumed to be on the route to hell" that taught her to argue in the style we now associate with her. By the age of 16 she was destined for politics. *In 1967 at Birmingham* University, hotbed of student radicalism, she debated against abortion and lost; at *Oxford three years later, she* debated it again, and won. While at Oxford she also made such a fiery Union speech in a no-confidence debate that Richard Crossman declared she would one day be the first female Tory whip. This remains a nut she (or some *other female) has still to crack.*

Yet even Miss Widdecombe has known doubts. For some years, in her thirties, before winning her Commons seat at Maidstone, she was an agnostic. "I was a genuine agnostic rather than someone who just says 'I don't know'. I did actually take the position that we have no knowledge beyond material phenomena. I stopped being a communicant member of the Church of England.

"But those years passed. Perhaps, when I came back, I should have come to Rome then, because I was already so heavily disillusioned with the Church of England." The fact that she could not bring herself to reflects the "awfulness" now afflicting thousands of others, she says, who want to go but cannot conceive of it.

"Of course it has been difficult. I left the Church of England on November 11. If there had been no difficulty, I would have joined Rome on November 12. The fact that I have remained for five months in a voluntary ex-communication indicates the depth of difficulty I had."

The priest who has guided her through to a resolution is Father Seed ("as in the seed you scatter on the land") Cardinal Hume's ecumenical adviser. "I was familiar enough with the liturgy — though I notice in my responses I still said 'remission' instead of 'forgiveness' today. What we discussed was doctrine, doctrine, doctrine.

"The main doctrinal differences were the real presence, doctrines concerning the Virgin Mary, the usual stuff. But the one that I had no sticking at all with, which surprised Father Seed, was the one of papal infallibility. I have no difficulty with that at all. In fact I chose for the gospel at today's services 'Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church'. "

How does she reconcile a passionate Tory belief in individual freedom with this authoritarian element? "Oh! I give thanks to Almighty God for the authoritarian element. To have a church which calls a sin a sin and has done with it, is a blessed relief. What the Church of England has done



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'I made my first confession in my office in the House of Commons. But I shall not tell you what I confessed.'

is to confuse sinners and sins. It has always been the job of the Church to accommodate sinners, but what you don't do is accommodate sin. You don't say, 'if this standard is difficult for human beings to reach, we will reduce the standard to that which they are most likely to reach'. You should say, 'here is the standard, and we understand if you can't reach it, but this is the standard'. That is so lacking in the Church of England now."

It is this perception that individuals must carry responsibility for their own conduct, and that circumstances are not an excuse for bad behaviour, that gives the dark night of Ann Widdecombe's soul its resonance in the wider world where she is the immutably dry and Thatcherite minister for social services. If she has a "damp patch" ("Even the Sahara has the odd oasis") it is that society must look after those who cannot look after themselves. "But not," she adds, "those who will not look after themselves."

We know her uncompromising views on abortion. But she has never, even at her convent school, been against contraception. How does she feel about *Humanae Vitae*?

"Well, I always laugh and say I am not married so that is one aspect of Catholic teaching I shall not have any difficulty with," she says, "but on a more serious note, the teaching on contraception does cause a lot of pain. Nor do I doubt that many otherwise devout Catholics probably do defy the Church's teaching. And to permit contraception by natural means but not by artificial means is a contradiction. That is not a fundamental of faith, but a teaching of conduct, which I can live with. Whereas abortion is a mortal sin."

Miss Widdecombe reminds us that she comes to the Catholic church on a different basis, even a higher plane, than most cradle Catholics.

"When I made my profession of faith this morning, I promised to obey the laws as promulgated by the successors of St Peter, which binds me completely. Don't forget, most Roman Catholics are cradle Catholics who will never have made that statement, and never have to confront that issue within themselves. "It is possible to become a semi-detached Catholic, but you cannot become a semi-*attached* Catholic."

Her flat is filled with cards from well-wishers. When she walks through the Commons, cleaners and caterers come up and say "Welcome to our Church." "I always say, frivolously, there's a lot of Catholicism about."

Did she not, as a Latin scholar, regret the Latin mass? "No. There's a difference between compromising on fundamentals, so that if you appoint a bishop as we have done [by "we" she still means the C of E, and refers to the Bishop of Durham] who publicly questions articles of creed, that is one thing. Changing the form, from the Latin mass to the more user-friendly vernacular, is not heretical, so it doesn't worry me at all. Though I do have a preference for the Latin, just as I have a preference for 1662 over Alternative Services."

She has gone along with happy-clappy services ("I'm one of those who can clap in church and don't worry") and modern hymns ("Graham Hendrick is brilliant — we're having a hymn of his today"): it is the fundamental change in doctrine and communion that has driven her away.

Personally she sees a role for married priests, but at least she feels certain that Rome will not ordain women in her lifetime, despite the body of Catholic opinion that wants it. "The Roman church does not work

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like the Church of England, on majorities and secular arguments. The Holy See looks not just at what people in England or America want, but what the Church universal wants. The fact that they have said this is a very strong obstacle to unity gives me *immense confidence that they* will not do it."

As for "all this angst" among Anglo-Catholics, she blames the Church of England for being so ill-prepared for the two-vote majority last November.

"We thought we would have another five years to think about the position of dissenting clergy. Approaches should have been made to Rome before. Instead, we are thrashing this out in a great public mess. That's one thing the church and politics have in common: if you're going to have a split and a row, at least try and *manage* the thing."

But for her at least, the angst is over. She will be taking mass at Father Seed's small Sacred Heart church in Westminster, and may even come round to the idea of invoking saints like the useful Jude. She took the confirmation name of Hugh after St Hugh of Lincoln, and in remembrance of Bishop *Latimer who died in flames for* his faith nearly 400 years ago with the words "We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as shall never be put out."

Ann Noreen Hugh *Widdecombe has already* made her first confession. "I made it to Father Seed in my ministerial office in the House of Commons. But I shall not tell you what I confessed."

Has the Church of England forgotten the reason for its existence?

Betraying history

Once it really was the church of the English. Now it is in danger of becoming a sect, says **John Gummer**

The General Synod is busy with the privatisation of the Church of England. The church which the Elizabethan Settlement sought to make the church of the English nation is turning itself into a sect.

This is, of course, a denial of the whole of Anglican history. The Church of England has always claimed that it has no doctrines or orders of its own but only those of the universal church. It was on that basis that it demanded the allegiance of the people of England. It sought both to insist upon the Catholic essentials and to uphold the necessity of reform.

Now the Church of England has changed all that. By asserting that it can alter doctrine and order unilaterally it has relinquished its apostolic claim to the allegiance of the people of England. The fundamental question must therefore be — what claim does it have left?

In a recent article, the Archbishop of Canterbury defended the establishment of the Church of England by a proper insistence that a nation needs a permanent witness to the boundaries of the secular.

That general case for establishment appeals to Christians of all denominations. What is now more difficult is to answer the question: why establish the Church of England? The archbishop adduces one argument. "The Church of England," he says, "is there for all . . . some opt out but no one has to opt in." How true that was. That was the whole basis of the Elizabethan Settlement. A church teaching nothing except that rooted in scripture and warranted by tradition. A church owning itself as only one part of the body of Christ and claiming no power to change unilaterally what has been believed everywhere and by all.

No longer can such a claim be maintained. Very soon you will not be able to be a member unless you are prepared to believe as an article of faith that the General Synod can, by a two-thirds majority, alter the orders and doctrines of the church. In a real sense there will be a doctrinal test of membership — one which specifically changes the nature of the Church of England and makes it as much a sect as any Protestant nonconformist body. This synod-driven church has sought to alienate the goodwill and assets of the church of the nation and assign them to a body made up only of people who are prepared to assent to this novel doctrine of the infallibility of the General Synod.



Alienated by the Synod: John Gummer

So a whole group of English Christians who were included by the Elizabethan Settlement are now to be excluded and must in conscience look elsewhere. That leaves the Church of England itself in a difficult position. It cannot claim comprehensiveness as the reason for establishment. It has chosen a new path. Nor can it claim to be the largest church in England. It has long been overtaken in numbers of regular attenders by the Roman Catholic church. All that is left is its history. It is established because it has been for 400 years. It is established because *those who do not go to* church in England are more likely to put "C of E" on a form than anything else. In these days that is not a very sure foundation.

Yet it is a vital one for the Church of England. For without the establishment, what claim has it on the allegiance of the people of England? It has forsaken its claim to apostolic authority. It has lost its numerical ascendancy. The only basis upon which it can present its particular formulation of Christianity is its relationship with the state. What an irony that the liberal activists who have so alienated the church from its roots should now have to lean so heavily upon an Erastian justification for the church they have taken over.

Yet the future of the establishment is in real doubt. If it is to survive, then the C of E will have to recognise that it is now the guardian rather than the owner of its churches, its cathedrals and its endowments. It will have seriously to consider how it can properly share its privileged position with the other churches. It will have to show Christian generosity in its dealings with those it has excluded and who will need to continue to worship together — whether in communion with Canterbury or not. The only future for the establishment will be one in which the Church of England recognises that what it owes to *history must now be shared. It* may even have to learn the more painful lesson that the conversion of England is now predominantly in the hands of others and that 1992 marked not only the end of the Oxford Movement but also of the Elizabethan Settlement.

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■ Winnie Mandela is seeking a leadership role with a youth powerbase. Will she get anywhere?

About a month ago, Winnie Mandela applied to become a member of the South African Communist party. She may be the last human being ever to apply for that particular club, but even the CP has to be choosy. Her membership, I am told, is still under consideration. Perhaps she will become a candidate member.

Her name evokes tentative emotions even among those who would have embraced her in the past. In a sense, Winnie Mandela is a Great Press Cover-Up. Prior to her separation from Nelson Mandela and her conviction for kidnapping and of being an accessory to assault, accounts of Mrs Mandela's excesses were simply not taken seriously — to investigate them was to risk one's reputation as a decent human being.

The compelling argument used to spike efforts to see what truth there was in allegations of her rampant sexual and sadistic appetites was that the focus of attention in South Africa ought to be the dismantling of apartheid: the dismantling of Winnie Mandela's halo was a side story, and one that might give aid, ammunition and comfort to racist regimes.

> The ANC mainstream is now far to the right of Winnie's faction

But as times changed and apartheid lost its grip, Winnie lost the protection of both her husband and the crumbling Soviet Union. At that point, the Western press responded by ceasing to write about her. But now, looking like a demented leftover from days of radical chic, Winnie is once again with us. Earlier this week she led Cape Town black youths in a rally, urging them to "take the streets by storm" and "kill the Boers, kill the farmers". This, depending on your view of middle-aged divorcees gone wacko, would be pathetic, tragic or predictable, were she not in the middle of a lethal political situation. It is one thing for a 58-year-old woman to dress up in military fatigues and tell people to go out and kill fascists if she lives in, say, Taunton, but quite another when she lives in Soweto — as the nun assaulted this past week might have told us.

The resurrection of Mrs Mandela began late last January when in a letter to South Africa's Sunday papers she wrote that the ANC leaders and the National party were getting into bed together in order to preserve their silken sheets and "to enjoy the newfound luxury". Although Winnie herself was an early member of Soweto's *nouveaux riches*, these words struck a chord with the generation of hoodlums and thugs that the ANC has created with its cant over the past 12 years about "liberation now, education later". More importantly, Mrs Mandela's point that the ANC was "compromising" with the NP was probably one of the few observations she has made that is completely accurate.

Winnie describes a universal development in human affairs, and one that holds out real hope for a multiracial Africa. The ANC is compromising. Unlike such organisations as the PLO whose stated aim has always been to push the Jews into the sea, the ANC's ostensible aim was never to eliminate the Boers, whatever its covert goals. Faced with a government that genuinely wants to negotiate, the ANC realises that it can indeed become part of the power structure of South Africa. Quite naturally, this realisation has abated ANC radicalism and, quite naturally, its members want to reap their rewards. Who on earth can blame them?

Mrs Mandela is seeking a leadership role for herself in the ANC with a youth powerbase. Will she get anywhere? Probably not. All revolutionary organisations deteriorate into factions. This factionalism, whether ideological or generational, leads to bitter in-fighting characteristic of criminal organisations in general.

By their very need to exist as secret groups, underground organisations, no matter how noble their cause, promote the sort of culture in which members are easily brutalised and cowed. By their nature they are filled with suspicion and violence. All the same, observers say the mainstream of the ANC is far to the right of Mrs Mandela's faction.

It can be argued that Winnie is simply a vivid demonstration of what an awful system such as apartheid can do to a young black woman born in post-war Africa. What happens is that temperamental shortcomings find an outlet and justification in "the struggle" against that system. Indeed, the struggle frees them from the normal constraints preventing us all from acting out our worst instincts; thus we have the Mandela United Football Club of hoodlums over which Winnie presided. As a personality type, Winnie, with her appetites, ambitions, capricious moods and instabilities would in normal circumstances have never become much more than a Bonnie-and-Clyde figure or the leader of a fringe religious sect.

But the society in which she grew up was neither free nor normal. Some African Winnie-watchers see her present behaviour as a reversion to the stands she took before her marriage, when she was a supporter of Unity, an anti-white organisation. Never one to submit to discipline, Winnie now is constrained by nothing but her own temperament. And that is no constraint at all.

Janet Daley is on holiday.



Cheering news for crooks

Can ordinary people no longer see the dividing line between good and bad?

Bernard Levin

Today's column is in one sense unique: I wrote it months ago, and only now have I dusted down and offered it to you. What, cry my readers? Are we to be fobbed off with the coldest cabbage? Faugh! Serve us up a dish piping hot, or we shall turn the page at once!

Patience, dear readers, there is a reason for my tardiness. The story I am to tell at last was legally banned from publication all this time, but the banning itself is something I greatly admire. For it concerns a court case, a case in which a serious crime was committed, and until the trial no public comment on it could be made, because of our wholly admirable *sub judice* rule. (Many countries do not have such a principle — America does, but she largely ignores it — and I sometimes wonder how anyone in such a jurisdiction can hope to have a fair trial.) Now, however, the case is over, and I can at last reveal the reason for my long silence; it is hardly likely that many of my readers will have remembered the story, so I shall sketch the events that led up to it.

Late one night in the heart of the city of Bath, a gang of thieves — intrepid ones, I must say — stole a car and drove it right through the large plate-glass shop-windows of the biggest department store in the city: Jollys. Once inside, they rapidly loaded expensive clothing into the car — some thousands of pounds worth, it appeared — and then made off. (Business as usual: Jollys opened the following morning exactly on time.)

Robbers are everywhere in the land; many have cool heads and ingenious plans. Moreover, the gentility of Bath has been a myth for many decades; there are beggars everywhere in the city, and the crowds (recession or no recession) still make a stroll through the centre a horrible, sweaty experience. Bath is indeed one of the world's greatest architectural achievements, but if you can't see it for charabanc day-trippers and buskers the point is rather thoroughly missed. Which is to say that smash-and-grab, even motorised smash-and-grab, can take place in Bath just as well as Liverpool.

What followed, however, was more of a surprise, and it is not out of a wish to strike dramatic poses that I say this surprise may well turn out to be our society's winding-sheet.

There was a solitary policeman, PC Pettemerides, in the vicinity as the crash of glass resounded through the street; a crowd rapidly grew. The constable, with commendable courage, dragged one of the robbers out of the car, but was given the slip; shouting for help, he chased the man, but even as he wrestled the fleeing villain to the ground, he heard three remarkable sounds behind him. The first was the sound of jeering by the crowd, at him, the policeman; the second was the cheers, from the bystanders, for the criminals; the third was the bustling of the crowd into the wrecked Jollys, to steal what they could find inside.

An echo sounds from my childhood in the second world war. Houses and shops smashed by bombs were often open to any passer-by: looting was a very serious crime, and there was one *cause célèbre* in which a woman had scandalously robbed a bombed-out family and was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. But the circumstances in the Bath raid are hardly comparable; no bombs, for one thing.

Those in the crowd at Jollys — there is no point in softening the nature of events — took the side of the criminals, despised the representative of law and order, and were themselves thieves. Moreover, the representative of law and order, PC Pettemerides, was alone (there were five in the gang, but only one was caught, and he refused to peach on his comrades), and presumably expected from the crowd the help he was calling for and needed: his realisation that the crowd was on the criminals' side must have given him more than one kind of shock. Indeed, he made that plain in his own words, saying "We were involved in a violent struggle and when I looked up two youths were standing watching us; I asked them to call for help, but they just stood there... You hope in those circumstances people will assist you. It is a very lonely feeling when they don't."

I dare say. For, after all, the crowd outside Jollys (and, a little later, the ruffians inside) were not demonstrating against, say, bent coppers, they were demonstrating their hatred of law and honesty, and cheering for stolen goods.

It is useless to tell such people that if law and order break down they too will suffer, however many broken shopfronts beckon them inside with a hold-all. Anarchy, by its very nature, does not conform to the once usual rules, nor does it stop to find out who is more worthy and who less. And even when there is a not entirely spurious cause to set off disorder, they give the game away sooner or later — as witness the now famous news picture from the aftermath of the Los Angeles rampage that followed the beating of Rodney King: the two black women, smartly and cleanly dressed, who were staggering away with massive piles of clothing they had stolen from a smart dress-shop after the rioters had obligingly smashed in the door and windows.

There was a very pertinent comment from a Superintendent Howell, after order had been restored in Bath; he said "These people gathered around as if they were watching some form of street entertainment, and then joined in." But the Superintendent did not need to make it a simile; that was exactly what they were doing at Jollys. And if bashing up a policeman, applauding a gang of robbers and finishing the evening with half an hour's larceny is street entertainment, the streets are soon going to look rather different from the way they used to be.

Very different: because I tucked away another news story that broke at the same time as the Jollys raid. An Abbey National "hole-in-the-wall" cash-dispenser in Oxford Street had been incorrectly fed: the computer was giving out a £20 note for every tenner requested. It was one o'clock in the morning, but, in the cool words of the policeman who went to investigate, "a large, though orderly, queue had formed". (There is something almost uncanny in those words. Where, long after midnight, did the queue come from? Is there a scent undetectable by the honest folk, but recognised by the crooked, so that one sniff brings them scurrying towards booty?) The Abbey National spokesman, next day, said, even more suavely, "We have not had anyone contact us asking if we want the money back".

When and how did the line disappear? The line, that is, between honesty and its opposite? I put it like that, because of course there have always been criminals and the criminally-minded, together with those who do not think it shame (or do think it shame but do it nonetheless) to engage in some mild pilfering or cheating. The usefulness of the line was its absence of ambiguity; you were on one side or the other. But when the line was rubbed out there were for many people no longer any such concepts as honesty and dishonesty, truth and lies, *meum* and *tuum*.

The most terrible thing about the looting crowd at Jollys was not that they were thieves, but that they did not know they were thieves, because the meaning of the word had ceased for them to imply what it always had previously implied. They thought themselves, if indeed they thought at all, people who were taking things out of a shop without paying for them. That, of course, is what you and I would call stealing, because we remember where the line was; but they have forgotten.

We had soon better repaint the line. If this country thinks it can afford to side with the criminal against the rule of law, and cheer when the criminals win, and look the other way when the looting starts, why then:

> You are not on the road to hell,
> You tell me with fanatic glee;
> Vain boaster, what will that avail,
> When hell is on the road to thee?

A manageress at Jollys summed up the obvious but significant truth: "Getting raided is bad enough," she said, "but it's sickening when people just start helping themselves to stuff that's fallen on the floor." It surely is sickening, but the trouble is that the victims are doing all the vomiting, while the villains have not a queasy stomach among them. Nor would it help much if looters were subject to very stiff sentences; what we need to know is when, how and why the world of law and laws turned upside down. For if we fail to find the answers soon, we may be permanently stuck with the inverted form, in which the policeman is the enemy, the robber is the hero, and the thief who gets away with the biggest haul is the role model.

Reading Clinton's mind

Washington signs are unclear, says Martin Fletcher

Could the "special relationship" join the long casualty list of the Balkans conflict? Listen to this senior figure in the Clinton administration speaking yesterday:

"There's a sense that Britain has been the least willing to consider serious action here, the French most willing... Senior British officials say they don't see a strategic or national interest in Bosnia-Herzegovina, only a humanitarian agony. We feel very differently about it at the top of this administration."

If the British refused to countenance arming Bosnia's Muslims or air strikes, the American continued, then "we would expect them to come up with a better idea of their own".

A senior British source acknowledged that the argument over Western policy in Bosnia was having a "corrosive" effect on the Atlantic alliance. Another said there was no prospect of Britain vetoing whatever action President Clinton decided on, and little likelihood of Britain abstaining, but there will be no disguising the fact that this issue will have generated more friction between the two allies than any of recent times.

What will Mr Clinton decide? No one in Washington yet knows, not even his close advisers, and no announcement is expected until after Russia's critical referendum on April 25. Malcolm Rifkind, the British defence secretary, is in Washington this week promoting a total "blockade" of Serbia, but a senior administration source says there is "a very strong feeling present policies are not enough".

For British, French and other European diplomats in Washington, it has become a question of reading the runes, of trying to determine which elements of a deeply divided administration are having most influence on an inscrutable president. Even in his 50-minute telephone conversation with John Major last Sunday, Mr Clinton did not press one course above all others, but discussed all options and probed how far London was prepared to go.

The British guess is that he will plump for lifting the arms embargo rather than embarking upon air strikes. It is the easier option politically, and the American military is opposed to bombing missions which, it argues, would have little long-term impact. Congress has already approved $50 million to arm the Muslims if the UN embargo is lifted.

Mr Clinton has held hours of anguished discussions with his advisers. "People are all over the lot," said Les Aspin, the US Defence Secretary, after a seven-hour marathon with other top advisers last Saturday. "Everywhere you turn, the downsides are there... I have never seen a government problem before with no good options. They all look awful."

Compelled to choose, British officials say London would probably favour air strikes. Lifting the arms embargo would escalate the fighting and encourage the Serbs to launch immediate pre-emptive strikes. Moreover the Croats, who themselves covet Bosnian territory, customarily siphon off 30 per cent of any supplies reaching Bosnia. Bombing Serb heavy artillery would at least help level the playing field.

The fundamental difference between the British and American attitudes were epitomised in separate comments in Washington this week by Mr Rifkind and Joseph Biden, the senior Democratic senator who is leading Capitol Hill's increasingly vocal demands for action.

The defence secretary said it would be a great mistake to resort to military action just because no one could think of a better course. Mr Biden, bewailing that "we've not done a damn thing", declared: "The time has come for the world to stop bemoaning that all our options are bad ones. We've got to pick a couple."

Let one have light

BUCKINGHAM PALACE is not renowned for shedding light on its affairs. So, not surprisingly, it is bristling somewhat at the latest suggestion from the heritage lobby — that the palace itself should be floodlit.

The royal residence is floodlit only on special occasions, a spokesman explains: "The last time was for the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. It isn't floodlit all the time, purely and simply because of cost."

But MPs and conservation experts, who have now turned their own spotlight on the issue, retort that this is not enough. They say Buckingham Palace is about the only royal palace in Europe that can't be seen properly after darkness falls.

Floodlights would, after all, kill two birds with one stone. The palace would look wonderful at night — to the approval, doubtless, of the Royal Parks Review Group, which this week labelled its setting "a national disgrace" — and at the same time it might prevent a recurrence of the kind of security incidents in which the palace walls have been scaled.

English Heritage said it would welcome any considered floodlighting scheme, and next week Mark Fisher, Labour's arts spokesman, will table a question on the matter to heritage minister Peter Brooke in the Commons. "It's preposterous that the palace is not floodlit: and the cost argument is ludicrous if you compare it to the total running cost of the palace," he said. "So many more people could enjoy the palace if it were floodlit." Not while they're driving past, one hopes.

Sterne rebuke

GEORGE CAREY, struggling to keep turbulent priests in line, may like to take a leaf out of John Habgood's book. The Archbishop of York has summoned one of his vicars to explain himself over a book he has written. Toby Forward, who preaches in Habgood's diocese, will have to defend himself next month against charges of pornography, blasphemy and heresy for what he has written in *Feminine Parts*. If found guilty, he will be suspended.

Habgood's was told of the book by another priest, and wrote immediately to Forward, deprecating its sexual explicitness. Controversy is becoming a habit with Forward, who six years ago wrote about Asian schoolgirls and white boys under the female pen-name Rahila Khan. The book was published by Virago, the feminist publisher, which pulped all copies when it discovered his real gender.

Forward admits his bawdy parody has landed him in serious trouble: "But other priests have been explicit. Laurence Sterne, who wrote *Tristram Shandy*, was a priest in this diocese. I think it will be all right. Habgood is a reasonable man... but you never know with bishops."





DIARY

Dine out on this

IT WAS NOT, perhaps, the most auspicious of evenings for Anglo-Irish Encounter, a body dedicated to encouraging and fostering relations between the factions in Ireland. As Dick Spring, the Republic's foreign minister, rose to speak after the group's annual dinner in Oxford last Friday, a scraping of chairs and rustling of papers marked a noisy exit by the Democratic Unionist delegation.

The protest by Ulster's new generation of politicians appears to have been organised by one Ian Paisley junior, son of the burly and loudmouthed MP for Antrim North. But the Paisley household was uncharacteristically silent on the matter yesterday.

One of the rebels nevertheless explained their motive: "We wanted the dinner, which was actually very good," he said. "But we weren't going to listen to a speech from a man who has territorial claims on the Northern Ireland. So we left." Probably heading for the bar — it's a better place to foster relations isn't it?

Knives are out

THE COMPLAINT by Labour MP Bob Cryer in the Commons last month that the government would be "selling off the family silver" if it disposed of certain works of art has turned out to be more than figurative. Silver *does* appear to have been sold off.

Cryer has just been phoned by an American auction-house which claims it has been selling a consignment of House of Commons silver, acquired through a London dealer, but has now run out. J. Peterman, the auction firm, asked an incredulous Cryer where it could get some more.

Now Cryer has tabled a question to the Commons catering committee, asking why the knives and forks were sold. "If J. Peterman had not phoned me, we would never have known that parliamentary silver was being sold off. It shows what silver linings some clouds have," he splutters.

● *Business enterprise is flourishing against the odds in a small corner of the former Yugoslavia. Croatia has just established a duty free shop on its border with Bosnia near the town of Tomislavgrad, where British troops are stationed. A brisk trade in whisky and cigarettes is reported by its already too regular customers — most of whom, one has to admit, are journalists.*





Nothing like rubbing their noses in it. The Fabian Society, which helped found the Labour party in 1900, has chosen "What does the Labour party stand for?" as the title of its annual Webb essay competition. Advertising posters went up in Walworth Road yesterday.

The society's general-secretary, Simon Crine, has no regrets: in fact, he is proud of his choice. "Our titles get sharper and sharper with every year that Labour is out of power," he boasts. "I'm not sorry about upsetting the party — we need some new ideas."

But is the astonishing suggestion put forward by Austin Mitchell, one of the competition's four judges, quite what he has in mind? The Labour MP for Great Grimsby, Mitchell (above, with caller) claims to be an anti-Maastricht renegade on the extreme left of the party. "We have spent a decade crawling back from the brink of disaster," he says. "And what we need now is a new evangel of the type Mrs Thatcher provided the Tory party with in 1979."

A DEMOCRATIC CHARADE

Parliament's standing is undermined by its own behaviour

Listening to MPs pontificate about the sanctity of Parliament is often painful. When self-importance is used to mask humbug, it is distasteful too. Both sides of the House were guilty during Wednesday night's debate on whether the Maastricht treaty should be put to a referendum. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, claimed that a nationwide poll "would be a blow to the standing of the House for years to come". Jack Cunningham, his Labour counterpart, issued dark warnings that a referendum would be the biggest single threat to the authority of Parliament and would undermine parliamentary democracy.

Such talk is designed to rally the most comatose of MPs. What, after all, could be worse than a blow to the standing of the House of Commons, and thus the standing of MPs themselves? Fortunately 123 of them saw through this bluster, despite subjection to three-line whips from both main parties. All three front benches colluded to ensure that the vote took place at 2.20am, safely out of step with television schedules and too late for most newspaper editions. All three leaders were embarrassed by splits in their own parties, and two out of the three (Messrs Major and Smith) oppose a referendum mainly because the campaign would make the divisions in their parties more apparent. The government fears also that it might lose, though Mr Hurd denied this during the debate.

The public stance, however, is based on the importance of parliamentary sovereignty. Rarely have politicians so brazenly demonstrated the opposite of the case they argue. The more they conspire with each other, the harder they whip and the more they resort to underhand parliamentary tactics, the more the country despairs of entrusting such fundamental constitutional decisions to Parliament alone. *Pace* Mr Hurd and Dr Cunningham, it is these very manoeuvres that are threatening the standing of the House and giving parliamentary democracy a bad name.

The Times is trying in a small way to address public disquiet about this process. We are sending a voting form to every household in the Newbury constituency, in advance of the by-election, inviting people to consider whether Maastricht should be ratified. We ask the people of Newbury to play their part by replying. Such an undertaking cannot be fully representative; the only true referendum would be one addressed to every voter in the country. Either the Conservative or the Labour party could ensure that this takes place. But Labour is craven and the Tories misleading.

According to the prime minister's argument, in a speech last night to the Conservative Group for Europe, the choice before Britain was not between a flawed treaty and the chance to design a better one but between this country being inside or outside the Community. This is a classic response to a rhetorical Aunt Sally. His vision of Europe after the Maastricht treaty was attractive: a wider Community and a continent with free democracies and no trade barriers. But his defence of Maastricht was empty. Nowhere did he mention the perils of economic and monetary union for the rest of the Community, or for Britain if a future government were to decide to opt in.

All that motivates those who criticise the treaty, he claimed, is frustration that Britain is no longer a world power. We have news for the prime minister. The people of Britain are indeed frustrated: not because Britain is no longer as powerful as it was but because he has denied them the democratic right to determine the future of their constitution. They want decisions taken at the lowest possible level just as he claims to do. And that means giving them the chance to decide for themselves: Maastricht, yes or no.

LESSONS OF RECOVERY

The government must not now stifle economic growth

The recession is finally over. Whatever cavils there might be about economic statistics, the March drop in unemployment offers the clearest possible indication that this is not just another false dawn. Unemployment has now fallen sharply for two consecutive months across all regions of the country. There will, of course, be setbacks and it is still very likely that the total will rise back above three million, as school leavers join the dole queues in the summer. But it looks even more likely that economic recovery will prove stronger than anyone had expected.

Shortly after the day that can now be firmly dubbed White Wednesday, *The Times* published its "Guide to Economic Recovery", calling for a comprehensive new policy for growth, centred around a cut in interest rates to 6 per cent. If the government pursued such a policy, we said, "the recession of '92 should soon be as a fading dream".

Despite this optimism, however, we still expected that unemployment would "not start to fall for some time" after the policy for recovery was put into effect. Why, then, have jobs been created so quickly? And what does the rapid recovery imply for Britain's economic policies in the period ahead? It will be months, if not years, before these questions can be fully answered, but two conclusions can be drawn.

The strength of the labour market suggests that Britain's economy is fundamentally sounder than was believed by the gloom-mongers of the ERM era. The labour-market reforms and the upsurge of entrepreneurship during the Thatcher years may not have constituted the "miracle" touted by Nigel Lawson, but they were not just an illusion. If unemployment is already falling sharply just a few months into the economic recovery, then the flexible hiring and firing practices introduced in the 1980s are almost certainly a factor. And despite the punishment that entrepreneurs have suffered from the recession, the small business sector, revitalised in the 1980s and accounting for almost all the new jobs created in Britain, must take the credit too.

The government must now respond positively to the economy's strong performance. It must raise its own aspirations, adjusting upwards its objectives for growth to take account of the better-than-expected fundamentals, instead of listening to the defeatists who will soon start advising it to rein in the recovery. Already, the very gloom-mongers who claimed before White Wednesday that there was no alternative to ERM membership and that Britain must resign itself to permanent mass unemployment are warning about the "dangers" of a strong recovery. A danger does exist, but it is not primarily the inflation still dreaded by the Treasury and the Bank of England, nor the balance of payments crisis ritually invoked in parliament yesterday by John Smith.

If Mr Smith understood the market mechanisms which his party now publicly endorses, he would realise that a floating exchange rate offers an automatic balancing mechanism for Britain's foreign payments. If ministers had any faith in their own precepts, they would acknowledge that the supply-side reforms of the 1980s had reduced the worst inflationary pressures in Britain.

The real danger of the coming economic recovery is that Britain's habits of pessimism and defeatism will prove too deeply ingrained. John Major will confuse pointless austerity for anti-inflationary virtue. Instead of rejoicing in the revival of entrepreneurship and enthusiasm that follows the recession, he may attempt to suppress it. His last opportunity to build on the achievements of Margaret Thatcher will be lost.

GREAT WHEN?

London and its visitors both need and irritate each other

What tourists think about London as a tourist centre is one of those puzzling questions, not beyond all conjecture, but providing as many answers as the one asking what Londoners think about tourists. It depends on whom you ask, and when, and what is in it for them. From the first Italian legionary tourists, who found Londinium a damp crossroads for traders, to a subsequent American visitor who apparently said: "When it's three o'clock in New York, it's still 1938 in London", visitors' views exemplify the psychobabble cliché of a love-hate relationship.

Tourism is purported to bring £25 billion a year to Britain, much of it to London. One way of looking at the big industry is that tourists get a raw deal. They are exploited in hotels and restaurants, though to a lesser extent now than they were when London became the most expensive city in the world a few years ago. In order to get a poor view of the changing of the guard they must run the gauntlet of the wildest traffic roundabouts in Europe. They must trail to the Maritime Museum and the Queen's House through a derelict suburban maze. At the Tower of London they queue for ages to be overcharged for a glimpse of the gaudy boiled sweets of the Crown jewels, and to be told romances by the yeomen warders. In Oxford Street and Soho they are exposed to the seediness of districts that have passed their glory days; and as their experience of London's theatreland they are packaged to *The Mousetrap*, which must be as esoteric as Euripides to those not to the manor born of the English detective story.

London needs better planning, for its visitors — and for its residents and workers too. The old accidental sprawl always has. Something must soon be done to segregate pedestrians from the motor car in the congested centre, in districts such as Piccadilly and the pavements in front of Buckingham Palace. Tourists would have a better time by being steered off the rat race of half a dozen compulsory grand sights to the peripheral pleasures of London, the little urban villages and lesser palaces, which are older and more beautiful than Buckingham Palace, the fringe theatres rather than the big musicals, the River Thames rather than the shopping, which has moved out from the metroplitan department stores to the motorists' malls on the periphery.

But London is a living and working city for all sorts and conditions of men, not a heritage museum. That is its attraction as well as its repulsion. And that is why, in spite of being sorely tried and driven, the tourists still come. London and its visitors need each other and enjoy a grumble about each other — as they have done for so long.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Extravagance at the Euro bank

From Mr Julian Bertlin

Sir, Gratuitous spending of taxpayers' money on decoration by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has been exposed by the *Financial Times* and devastatingly condemned by Bernard Levin in your columns (April 16 and 20). Much of this spending would be more appropriate to a public place than the offices of international civil servants.

What does not appear to get mentioned is the unfortunate impression such opulence must give to bank visitors from stagnating East European countries. It must confirm in some the magazine image widely held in developing countries of ordinary life in the developed world.

For the majority in these countries perceptions of the West are almost exclusively derived from glossy advertisements, film/pop stars and "*Dallas*-style" soap operas. This greatly exaggerates in their perception the undoubted wide gap between richer and poorer countries.

Lavish decoration and outfitting at the EBRD offices hardly send the right message to the countries the bank is intended to serve. If all this is viewed from the rainy streets of Warsaw or Kiev, a sense of hopelessness and dependency may cultivate a desire in would-be entrepreneurs to jump on a gravy train.

Arguments that the EBRD enterprise is good for Britain and London because of employment and local contracts wrench at the spirit of would-be internationalists. If these benefits can really help to restart the British economy, how much better it would be for at least the bank's development section to be located in Eastern Europe.

Yours sincerely,
J. BERTLIN,
Wye College, University of London,
Wye, Ashford, Kent.

From Mr John S. Marsom

Sir, Isn't it time one looked back at the experience of the earlier days of banking when fine premises were needed to satisfy depositors and account holders that their money was in safe hands? It was, after all, they who provided the bank with most of its working capital, out of which it made loans to borrowers.

Whilst the need for security is the same today, in the case of large loans, e.g., to other countries, it is the security of the borrower which has the most effect. The whole of the working capital of the EBRD is provided by governments, and fine buildings are completely unnecessary — except possibly to impress presidents and prime ministers! Borrowers will flock to any ordinary suite of offices if money is available for them. The EBRD's needs are more akin to those of a credit reference agency.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN S. MARSOM,
7 Bassett Close, Sutton, Surrey.

From Lord Mackenzie-Stuart

Sir, A footnote to this unhappy saga. During almost all my years at the Court of Justice of the European Community, from 1973 to 1988, the house rule, imposed by budgetary stringency, was that members of the court travelled on official missions by scheduled flights and economy class.

As I recollect, it was only at the end of my time, and for special reasons, that we were permitted the luxury of business class.

Yours faithfully,
MACKENZIE-STUART,
7 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh 3.

Defensive driving

From Mr James Burton-Stewart

Sir, The nudge bar, increasingly being fitted to four-wheel-drive vehicles (letter April 15), is not a requirement of insurance companies. In Australia they are known as "roo bars". As the kangaroo is not a species generally found in Britain, Mr Warner's hypothesis about drivers' sense of inadequacy may have some foundation.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BURTON-STEWART,
Little Chippers, Merton,
Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Peace plan to halt the Bosnian war

From Mr George Tintor

Sir, It is understandable that the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, refuses to sign the "Vance-Owen peace plan" (report and leader, April 19). Although the plan goes a long way toward recognising the rights of all three Bosnian groups, including the Bosnian Serbs, it stops short of an equitable and lasting solution.

The purpose of the Vance-Owen peace process was to urge Bosnia's three constituent groups to negotiate a mutually acceptable constitutional agreement.

Implementation of the agreement would be supported by the UN. Instead, the UN is today attempting to impose a plan that is unacceptable to the Serbs.

You argue that the Serbs "care nothing about diplomacy". Yet, from the start, the Bosnian Muslims have consistently refused to negotiate directly with Bosnian Serb leaders, preferring instead to call them "war criminals".

The Serbs object to the Vance-Owen plan because it leaves large numbers of Serbs in areas to be dominated by Muslims and Croats. It also denies the Serbs a land corridor between the large Serb-inhabited region in Croatia and north-western Bosnia, including Krajina, and Serbia itself.

Given the present animosity between the Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian Croats and Muslims, an isolated Serb region in Bosnia would become the Nagorno-Karabakh of Europe. It is inconceivable that the Serbs will voluntarily accept this arrangement.

The Bosnian Croats accept the Vance-Owen plan without reservation because it gives them far more territory than they could have possibly expected. The Bosnian Muslims reluctantly accept the plan because, at present, it represents the best prospect for foreign military intervention. The cost to the Muslims, however, is the abandonment of their goal of a unitary state.

Adjustment must be made to the Vance-Owen plan to ensure that it is fair to all three Bosnian groups. Otherwise, the country will be condemned to decades of misery.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TINTOR,
52-62 Bishopsgate, EC2.
April 19.

From Brigadier Harvey C. Mason

Sir, I deplore the lemming-like rush towards intervention in Bosnia. There are no political, economic or military reasons for our involvement. This drive towards conflict is media-driven and media-inspired, and with our present lack of leadership the media will probably get their way.

Humanitarian help, yes. Military involvement, no.

Yours sincerely,
HARVEY C. MASON,
Mytilus House, 75 Brown Street,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Major Leslie A. Hill, MC

Sir, As I sat in a German truck one November night in 1941, having been taken prisoner with the staff of a brigade headquarters, I cursed the pre-war British pacifist governments that had caused me to have to go into battle the evening before with nothing but three poor little two-pounder guns against what the *London Gazette* later said were 60 German tanks. For good measure I cursed those few regular army officers I had met who, I thought, had joined the army in peacetime for the polo and pig-sticking and had no intention of risking their lives in an actual battle.

Now, some 50 years later, I see the whole scenario repeating itself: disarmament by a government of wets, despite obvious signs of potential military dangers looming; and soldiers who may well have joined the army chiefly for the pay and perks, on the assumption that they will never see actual action, and confident that if one of them were to be hit his parents would raise such an appalling outcry that it might even bring down the government.

Yours sincerely,
L. A. HILL,
La Prairie, St Mary, Jersey, C.I.
April 14.

Care and council tax

From Mr R. D. Douglas

Sir, Our charity, Mend, and its associate, Mend Special Projects, operate 15 registered homes for the long-term care of people with learning disabilities or who suffer from chronic mental illness. We endorse Adrian Randall's assertion (letter, April 9) that the government's denial of specific relief from council tax will impose a serious financial burden on charities such as ours.

Of the 126 residents cared for in our homes, 120 are on income support and cannot afford to make any contribution towards the costs incurred by us in paying council tax bills. Despite transitional relief and the discounts available to registered homeowners, these costs will in our case amount annually to thousands of pounds, as seven of our homes have been placed in the higher valuation bands. Thus, scarce resources which we ought to be using for our charitable objectives will be diverted elsewhere.

As part of his apologia for this ill-conceived aspect of the government's policy, Robin Squire (letter, April 5) referred to the council tax benefit system. That reference was misleading, as the benefit system does not apply to registered homes, where the person liable to pay the tax is the homeowner, not the individual resident.

Mr Squire's reliance on such a demonstrably false point illustrates the desperation of his department's attempt to defend an indefensible position.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. DOUGLAS
(Company secretary), Mend,
Winchcombe House,
Winchcombe Street,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
April 10.

Respect for byways

From Mr Paul Véal

Sir, Off-road enthusiasts such as myself value the byway network and take trouble to respect the rights of other users (letters, April 17). Motorsports clubs and the recently formed Land Access and Rights Association have established a code of conduct and a system of voluntary restraint, limiting recreational vehicle use on sensitive byways to off-peak periods.

This code is well publicised and generally respected. The problem lies with an irresponsible minority who would be unlikely to comply with any legal ban.

On our nearest byway we rarely see a recreational vehicle but it is used at least 28 times a week all the year by local farmers. From my own observations this ratio is representative of other byways in the area.

The solution is to encourage responsible use based on existing voluntary restraint systems and on co-operation, not confrontation.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. VÉAL,
Holloway Thatch, Harwell,
Didcot, Oxfordshire.

From Mr John E. P. Bond

Sir, Farmers used to say that the path through their farmyard to the church was intended for their neighbours on Sundays, not for the general public to use for recreation. Now the ramblers say that green lanes were never intended for motorised vehicles.

When the Pennine Way is churned up by hordes of ramblers, helicopters are hired to bring in material to mend it.

Maybe neither group has an inalienable right to disrupt the peace and destroy paths in the countryside.

Yours,
JOHN BOND,
Clearbrook Hall, Llanarthne,
Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Justice in unit fines?

From Dr V. Rippere

Sir, The unit fines system (report, April 8) may have the unfortunate effect of deterring motorists from seeking justice in relation to offences which could be dealt with either as a summons or by payment of a fixed penalty.

People whose offences have occurred under extenuating circumstances, and who might ordinarily feel they should defend themselves as a matter of personal principle, may well conclude that acting according to their principles, which entails the risk of an exorbitant fine many times the amount of the fixed penalty, has become an unaffordable luxury.

If the risk of incurring disproportionate fines deters people who would otherwise receive absolute discharges from defending themselves, the Criminal Justice Act ends up producing not justice but criminals.

Yours faithfully,
VICKY RIPPERE,
61 Queen Alexandra Mansions,
Hastings Street, WC1.
April 8.

From Mr Richard Body

Sir, The reforms contained within the Criminal Justice Act have recently been subject to considerable criticism (report, March 22, later editions; letters, March 29, April 7). The fine of £1,200, imposed on an unemployed man, Mr Vaughan Watkins, for dropping litter, appears from your report of April 7 to be another example of absurdity.

As your report pointed out, "the case will almost certainly add momentum to the campaign by disgruntled magistrates and other legal experts for a re-examination of the system". That point is reinforced by your April 8 report, headed "Public anxiety obliges Clarke to re-think new justice act".

In fact, the case highlights the *advantage* of the system. The magistrates clearly took a serious view of the matter and imposed a fine of 12 units. This may be considered a high penalty, but the defendant has the option to appeal in the normal way, and the penalty reflects the views of the bench rather than the effects of the act. The justices set the value of the units at the maximum, £100, without prior knowledge of the defendant's means, since Mr Watkins had apparently failed to complete the means-testing form.

Now that it has come to light that Mr Watkins was unemployed, the court need not reopen the case to adjust the value of the fine, as it would have had to do under the old system. Under the act the court may simply alter the value of the units he has been fined. For a defendant on state benefits the unit value is £4 and the fine for Mr Watkins would therefore be £48.

If fines are to be used as a form of punishment, it is surely right that the sum of money a defendant loses should reflect his means.

To take the same from a rich man as from a poor man is not to punish equally.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BODY,
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Stoke House, Leapale Lane,
Guildford, Surrey.
April 8.

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Anglican converts to Roman option

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, This week Roman Catholic bishops are discussing what response should be made to those in the Church of England who are considering taking "the Roman option". Will they, I wonder, as an important first step, open their communion services to those Christians who wish to share it with them but, at present, are not allowed to do so?

Such a welcome would signify true embrace of all those in catholic accord and communion with the Christian faith. And it has particular bearing on those occasions when a Roman Catholic mass is held in a Church of England place of worship, as is the case today, in Parliament's Crypt.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RATHBONE,
House of Commons.
April 21.

From the Reverend John Samuel

Sir, Anne Widdecombe quotes Bishop Hugh Latimer's dying words in her open letter last January to Archbishop George Carey (report, April 20). She accuses the Archbishop of trying to blow out the candle that Latimer prayed would by God's grace be lit in England the day he died.

Does Miss Widdecombe, who has chosen "Hugh" as her confirmation name, have any idea why Latimer, Ridley and Cranmer were burned that day? They were burned precisely because they would not accept the authority of the Pope and the unbiblical doctrine of the mass.

Miss Widdecombe's departure to Rome is a denial of the very beliefs for which Hugh Latimer died.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SAMUEL,
55 Kings Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
April 21.

From Canon P. C. Hawker

Sir, Who better to fill the vacancies for new priests in the Church of England, asks Mr Nicholas Drummond (letter, April 21), than the "many women who have waited so long to be recognised as worthy communicants of God's message"?

Mr Drummond is over-simplistic. Parishes now have far more rights in the appointment of parish priests. They would be unlikely to desire a woman priest if their own respected priest had resigned over this issue.

And surely no diocesan bishop would wish to foist an unwanted incumbent on an unwilling congregation.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HAWKER,
20 Middleton's Field, Lincoln.

Power in Pakistan

From the Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan

Sir, Your report of April 19, "Pakistan's government sacked after power struggle", tries unnecessarily to drag the Pakistan army into the nation's political developments.

The dissolution order issued on April 18 by the president, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, clearly spells out the reasons why he was compelled to resort to the dissolution of Parliament and the dismissal of Mr Nawaz Sharif's government.

Having considered the situation in the country, the events that had taken place and the circumstances, the contents and consequences of Mr Nawaz Sharif's speech on April 17, the president was convinced that the government would be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. An appeal to the electorate was therefore necessary.

Yours faithfully,
KHALID SHAFI,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission for Pakistan,
36 Lowndes Square, SW1.
April 19.

What a lovely life

From Mrs Peggy Verrall

Sir, Non-smokers can travel in comfort on buses and trains, and the risk of underground fires has been minimised. Vegetarian *bon viveurs*, once fobbed off with designer lettuce leaves, can now feast in almost every pub or restaurant on imaginative and delicious cuisine, appreciated by a palate undulled by nicotine or alcohol.

At work one no longer risks life or limb, as employees matter too. Thanks to sex equality mothers-in-law no longer have to laugh while hiding their hurt, and unsophisticated women need not cry in secret in the washrooms in fear of losing their jobs if they retain their virginity.

Good health, comfort and, above all, concern for the individual are beginning to permeate what was once Merrie England only for the few. May I thank Avril Munson (letter, "Bring back the fun in life, please", April 12) for reminding me how fortunate I am, a vegetarian ex-smoker woman, to live at this moment in England's green and pleasant land.

Yours sincerely,
PEGGY VERRALL,
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St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 22: The Queen was represented by the Reverend Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, at the memorial service for Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Andrew Huxley, OM.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 22: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today opened the new offices of Rover Deutschland in Neuss, Dusseldorf, Germany.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 22: The Princess Royal, Patron, the British School of Osteopathy, this morning opened the Community Care Access Clinic, 1-4 Suffolk Street, London SW1, and was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Dr Cyril Nemeth).

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, this afternoon attended the Canine Awards Luncheon, London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening gave a reception at Buckingham Palace for supporters of Save The Children Fund from entertainment, sport and journalism.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Egyptian House for Productive Families, 77 Wigmore Street, London W1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, today attended a reception to launch the Pestalozzi "Children for a Better World" appeal at the Swiss Embassy, Bryanston Square, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, St Peter's Research Trust (for the Cure of Kidney Disease) today visited the Institute of Urology and Nephrology Research Laboratories, Middlesex Hospital, 67 Riding House Street, London W1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 22: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon presented the Awards at the Bupa Medical Foundation Limited Annual Doctor of the Year Luncheon, the Savoy Hotel, London SW1, and was met on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Dr Cyril Nemeth). Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 22: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon opened the new community home for the elderly of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital at 210 Knights Hill, West Norwood, London SE27.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lady Gabriella Windsor is 12 today.

Shirley Temple Black, former actress and American diplomat, 65; the Most Rev Michael Bowen, Archbishop of Southwark, 63; Lord Carew, 88; Mr Bill Cotton, former managing director, BBC Television, 65; Mr Antony Craxton, television producer, 75; Mr J.P. Donleavy, author, 67; Sir Diarmuid Downs, automotive engineer, 71; Lady Dudley, 86; the Hon Victoria Glendinning, author, 56; Mr William Hagerty, former editor, *The People*, 54; Sir Arnold Hall, former chairman, Hawker Siddeley Group, 78; Sir Russell Hillhouse, civil servant, 55; Mr R.E. Holland, former chairman, Pearl Group, 66; Mr James Kirkup, travel writer, novelist and playwright, 70; Dr R.M. Laws, master, St Edmund's College, Cambridge, 67; Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, former Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, 79; Sir Thomas Padmore, civil servant, 84; Professor George Steiner, author, 64; Sir Herbert Tetley, actuary, 85; Sir Eric Yarrow, former chairman, Clydesdale Bank, 73.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Intensive Care Society, will attend a spring meeting and inaugural joint meeting of the society and the British Association of Critical Care Nurses at the Hexagon Centre, Reading, at 9.00; and, as President of Bafta, will open Dolby Laboratories' new headquarters at Wootton Bassett at noon.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the London College of Music, will attend a concert at Vestry Hall, Ranelagh Road, Ealing, at 1.05.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will present new colours to the 1st Battalion at Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster, at 10.40.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, Stratford-upon-Avon, 1564 (he died on this day at Stratford, 1616); George, Prince of Denmark, consort of Queen Anne, 1653; George Anson, Baron Anson, admiral and naval reformer, Shugborough, Staffordshire, 1697; Joseph Mallord William Turner, painter, London, 1775; James Buchanan, 15th American President 1857-61, Cove Gap, Pennsylvania, 1791; Marie Taglioni, ballerina, Stockholm, 1809; Louis Antoine Jullien, composer, Sisteron, Basses-Alpes, 1812; James Anthony Froude, historian, Dartington, Devon, 1818; Max Planck, physicist, Kiel, 1858; Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, field marshal, Brackenhurst, Nottinghamshire, 1861; Lester Pearson, prime minister of Canada 1963-68, Nobel Peace laureate 1957, Toronto, 1897; Roy Orbison, singer, Vernon, Texas, 1936.

DEATHS: Miguel de Cervantes, novelist, Madrid, 1616; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintffraed, Dyfed, 1695; Andrew Baxter, philosopher, Whittingham, Edinburgh, 1750; Joseph Nollekins, sculptor, London, 1823; William Wordsworth, poet laureate 1843-50, Rydal Mount, Cumbria, 1850; Rupert Brooke, poet, died on active service, Skyros, 1915; Jim Laker, cricketer, 1986; Otto Preminger, film director, New York, 1986; Michael Ramsey, Baron Ramsey of Canterbury, Archbishop of Canterbury 1961-74, Oxford, 1988.

Today is the Feast of St George, patron saint of England and of Aragon and Portugal.

The first decimal coins (five and ten pence pieces) appeared in Britain, 1968.

Church news

Appointment
The Rev Robert A Loveless, Rector, Paston: to be Vicar, Nassington w Yarwell & Woodnewton (Peterborough).

TIM BISHOP



An eye for history: Stephen Conway, a trainee conservator, works on a model of HMS *Cornwallis* at the National Maritime Museum in southeast London. The model dates from the launch of the 74-gun battleship in 1813

Memorial services

Sir Sidney Nolan, OM
The Queen was represented by the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, at a memorial service for Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Barry Humphries, Sir John Tooley, Mr Ronald Alley and Mr George Ivan Smith gave addresses. Mr James Cudderford, violin, Yehudi Menuhin School of Music, played Bach's "Saraband". The Australian High Commissioner and the Irish Ambassador attended. Among others present were:

Lady Nolan (widow), Mrs Alice Perceval (daughter), Mr Jack Galloway (son-in-law), Marlow Perceval and Mr Jock Langlow (grandsons), Ms Kirsty Boyd, Mrs M H Boyd, Mr James Nolan, Mrs Carmel Balchin, Sam Balchin; the Earl of Gowrie (chairman, Sotheby's), Lord Goodman, CH, Lord and Lady Rayne, the Hon Charles Allsopp, Sir Roger de Grey (president, Royal Academy) with Mr Piers Rodgers (secretary); Sir Hugh Casson, CH, Helen Lady Dudley Williams.

Mr Ned Sherrin, Mrs Barry Humphries, Mrs George Ivan Smith, Miss E Ivan Smith, Mr John Ford, Miss Carmen Callil, Miss Joanna Drew, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr John Kasmin, Mr Nicholas Usherwood, Dr Derek Hill, Mr and Mrs Peter Blake, Mr Michael Berkeley, Mrs Michael Gleeson-White, Mr Ken Thomson, Mr Charles Osborne, Mr and Mrs John Bellany, Mr and Mrs Tom Rosenthal, Miss Sarah Tooley, Professor S D Lawler, Mr and Mrs David Davies, Mr Andrew Logan, Mr A Alvarez and Mr John Hull.

Mr Nicholas Serota (director, Tate Gallery) Mr Andrew Dempsey (Hayward Gallery), Dr Dennis Farr (Courtauld Institute Galleries also representing the vice-chancellor, London University), Professor Richard Marks (York University), Professor Julian Gardner (Warwick University), Mrs Donald Mitchell (representing, trustees, Britten-Pears Foundation) with Mr Philip Reed (Britten-Pears Library); Mr Nicholas Chisholm (headmaster, Yehudi Menuhin School of Music) with Mr Stephen Potts (director of music) and Mr J F Avery Jones (Speechly Bircham).

Sir Dick White
Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, represented HM Government at a memorial service for Sir Dick White held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Ian Robson. Mrs Stella Rimington and Sir Colin McColl read the lessons. Lord Greenhill of Harrow and Mr Robin Murray gave addresses. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir David Muirhead. Among those present were:

Lady White (widow), Mr and Mrs Stephen White (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Adrian White (son), Mrs J Simmons (daughter), Mr R White, Mr N White, Miss C White, Miss F White, Mr and Mrs M White.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord Ashbrown, Lord Annan, Lord Blake, Lord Brimelow, Lord and Lady Dacre of Glanton, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Lord Sherfield, Lady Trend, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Sir John Stephenson, the Hon Hugh Astor, Sir Thomas Bazley, Mr Charles and Lady Katherine Farrell.

Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailey, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Bernard and Lady Burrows, Lady Barnes, Sir Stewart Crawford, Lady Dean, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Sir Arthur and Lady Knight, Lady Loehnis, Sir Michael Marshall, MP, Sir Patrick Reilly, Lady Rennie, Sir Peter Wilkinson, Sir Edgar Williams, Sir Philip Woodfield, Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, Mr R Bird, Group Captain G.A. Carey-Foster.

Mr Martin Tickner
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Martin Tickner was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, chaplain, Actors' Church Union, officiated. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Chairman of the Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council and President of the King George's Pension Fund for Actors and Actresses, read the lesson.

Dame Judi Dench read Ellen Terry's "Farewell to Henry Irving" and Mr Michael Williams read Joseph Grimaldi's address at his last appearance at the Drury Lane Theatre. Mr Richard Gibson gave an address.

Mr Paul Jones, accompanied by Mr Grant Hossack, piano, sang Noel Coward's "London Pride" and "You Were There". Among others present were:

Mrs Rowland Tickner (mother), Mr and Mrs Alan Blackbeard (brother-in-law and sister); the Hon Lady Johnston, Sir Peter Saunders, Lady (Ralph) Richardson, Mrs Karen Nichols (secretary, Theatrical Ladies' Guild and honorary secretary, the Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council) with Mr Richard Bebb (representing the chairman of the guild and the deputy chairman of the council); Miss Frances Carroll and Miss Carla Hanreck (Equity Trust Fund), Mr Jack Allen and Mr John de Lannoy (Actors' Benevolent Fund), Miss Althea Stewart (Actors' Charitable Trust), Mr George Hoare (Drury Lane Theatre), Mr James M Penstone (Vic-Wells Association), Mr Julian Courtenay (Savoy Theatre), Mrs Maria Herron (deputy social editor, *The Times* also representing the social editor).

Miss Constance Cummings, Miss Phyllis Calvert, Mr Ned Sherrin, Miss Jean Anderson, Mr Maurice Denham, Miss Angela Thorne, Mr Robert Flemyng, Mrs Jackie Faith, Miss Penelope Keith, Mr Simon Williams, Mr Robin Bailey, Mr Michael Oliver, Mr Richard Redding, Mr Edward Corness, Mr Griffith Jones, Mr Michael Lister, Mr Derek Bond, Mr Tim Aitchison, Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Mr Hugo Vickers, Mr and Mrs Bob Holness, Miss Jennifer Hilary, Mr Harold Innocent, Mr Jeremy Sinden, Miss Joanna Lumley, Mr Frank Williams, Mr Alan Field, Miss Joan Hirst, Mr Stuart Holmes, Miss Ann Killick, Mrs Eileen Crosby, Mr and Mrs Pat Clarke, Mrs Audrey Gormley, Mrs G W Jaques, Miss Sophie Jaques and Miss Gina Weissand.

Major Sir Torquhil Matheson of Matheson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Sir Torquhil Matheson of Matheson, Bt, DL, will be held in the Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, on Tuesday, May 25 at 2.30pm. His ashes will be interred at Kirkton of Lochalsh on Tuesday, July 27 following a service in the church at 2.30pm.

Charles Crawley
The service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Charles Crawley, Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, will be held at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, May 1, at 2.30pm (and *not* at St Edward's Church as previously announced).

Mr Reginald Grenfell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Reggie Grenfell will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on Friday, May 21, at 11am.

Service dinners

HAC
Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkes presided at the annual St George's Day dinner held last night at Armoury House by the Honourable Artillery Company. Captain R.B. Tiley proposed the health of the guests and Lord Weatherill proposed the toast "England".

The Royal Logistic Corps
The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Logistic Corps, attended a Regimental Dinner at Deepcut on April 21. Major General D.L. Burden, Director General, and Major General D.F.E. Botting, Representative Colonel Commandant, were the hosts. Twenty five newly commissioned Officers of the Corps were present.

Service luncheon

33rd Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment RA
Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Hall presided at the annual regimental luncheon of the 33rd Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment RA held at the Army and Navy Club.

Dinners

Glaziers' Company
Mr S.M. Lever, Master of the Glaziers' Company, and the Wardens received members of the court and their guests at the St Mark's Day Quarter Court dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. The Master and Sir Leo Pliatsky were the speakers.

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club
Mr J.A.H. Curry, Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Institute of Directors. Lord Griffiths was the guest of honour and Mr A.C.D. Ingleby-Mackenzie also spoke.

1993 National Art Collections Fund Awards
Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman, National Art Collections Fund, and Mr David Barrie, Director, presented the 1993 National Art Collections Fund Awards, given for outstanding achievement in the Visual Arts, at a celebration dinner held at the Savoy Hotel last night.

Conservative Group for Europe
The Prime Minister was guest last night of the Conservative Group for Europe at a dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner to mark the twentieth anniversary of Britain joining the European Community. Mr Robert Walter presided and Sir Edward Heath, KG, MBE, MP, and Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP, also spoke.

Reception

International Council of Christians and Jews
The Archbishop of Canterbury presented the Interfaith Medallion, on behalf of the International Council of Christians and Jews, to Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain at a reception held yesterday at the Nikaean Club, Lambeth Palace. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the executive committee of the council, and His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, also spoke.

Luncheons

HM Government
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Major-General Prince Mitab Bin Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Head of the Military Organisation National Guard of Saudi Arabia.

National Sporting Club
Mr Clive Anderson was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Bob Willis, chairman, presided.

Nottingham University

The Nottingham University Convocation AGM and Reunion will take place on Saturday, May 22, 1993. Programme and other details for the day are available from the Convocation Secretary, Nottingham University, NG7 2RD. Tel: 0602 513690.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. Devine and Miss J. Smallwood
The engagement is announced between Stewart, son of the late Dr William Devine and of Mrs Phyllis Devine, of Edmonton, Canada, and Jane, daughter of Mr Christopher Smallwood, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Mary Smallwood, of Derby.

Mr J.M. Greenwood and Miss M. Bax
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Greenwood, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Marieke, daughter of Dr and Mrs Felix Bax, of Hoorn, Holland.

Mr J.C. Gulliver and Miss A.J. Faccenda
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Barry Gulliver, of Preston Bissett, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Faccenda, of Hillesden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr W.R.M. Heath and Miss L.K. Rongong
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Heath, of Waterside House, near Lockerbie, and Leom, daughter of Mr and Mrs Birendra Rongong, of 4 House O'Hill Terrace, Edinburgh.

Mr R.F. Jenkins and Miss A.C. Holmes
The engagement is announced between Rory, eldest son of Mr D.F. Jenkins, of Johannesburg, and Mrs S.P Kutas, of Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr J.A. Holmes and Mrs P.M. Holmes, of Johannesburg.

Mr C.R. Jennings-Bramly and Miss V.M. Moore
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr Alwyn Jennings-Bramly, of Bearstead, Kent, and Mrs Clifford Dann, of Uckfield, East Sussex, and Victoria (Tori), only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Moore, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Dr J.D.A. MacLeod and Dr R.M. Manners
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Dr and Mrs John MacLeod, of Bicester, Oxfordshire, and Ruth, daughter of the late Mr Bernard Manners and of Mrs Betty Manners, of Middlesex.

Lord Alexander Rufus-Isaacs and Miss M. Bach
The engagement is announced between Alexander Gerald, youngest son of the late Marquess of Reading and of The Dowager Marchioness of Reading, of Glebe Farm House, Cornwell, Oxfordshire, and Marjorie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Bach, of Los Angeles.

Mr M.D. Turner Jones and Miss J.C. Green
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Turner Jones, of Orpington, Kent, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R.L Green, of Bracknell, Berkshire.

Marriages

Lieutenant Colonel J.R.S. Besly and Mrs V.C.A. Walford
The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 21, between Richard Besly, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Virginia Walford, née Crawshay, of Fulham, London.

Mr J.M.B. Cookson and Miss E.J.M. Martin
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's Church, Withypool, of Mr James Cookson, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cookson, of Meldon Park, Northumberland, and Miss Emily Martin, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Rodney Martin, of Weyhouse, Withypool, Somerset. Mr Edward Elton was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Loretto

A Confirmation service will take place in Loretto Chapel on Sunday, May 2, at 6.30pm when the officiating ministers will be The Most Rev Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and The Very Rev William J.G. McDonald, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The Loretto/Heriot Watt University Lecture 1993 entitled "Global Warming: Fact or Fiction?", will be given by Sir John Mason, former Director General of the Meteorological Office at 8.00pm on Wednesday, May 12, in the Loretto Theatre.

A memorial service for The Rev Stephen T. Hutchinson, former Master at Loretto Nippers (1935-50) and former Headmaster of Larchfield (1950-65) will be held at 10.30am on Sunday, May 16, in Loretto Chapel.

The Loretto Combined Cadet Force Annual General Inspection will be held on Friday, May 28, when the Inspecting Officer will be Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP, Secretary of State for Defence.

A commemorative service in honour of the late Mr Jim Clark, (OL 1952), World Motor Racing Champion 1963 and 1965 will be held at 7.00pm on Friday, June 25, in Loretto Chapel. The Very Rev R. Leonard Small, will give an address at the service and Mr Innes Ireland, President of the British Racing Drivers' Club, will be the guest speaker at the Jim Clark Dinner which will take place thereafter at 8.15pm in the Loretto Dining Hall.

On Saturday, June 26, the Headmaster will be inducted as a Chaplain to The Queen in Scotland at a service in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 7.00pm. Loretto Day 1993 will be held on Sunday, June 27, beginning with morning service in Loretto Chapel at 10.30am when the Preacher will be Viscount Tonypandy.

Old Lorettonians, families and friends of Loretto wishing to receive further details concerning these events should contact the Headmaster's Secretary.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry on March 12, 1993. They are entitled to use the designation "Chartered Chemist" and the letters CChem FRSC:

P Bamfield, R Bhushan, R W Brett, P E Burke, C J Clark, F E H Crawley, A J Deeming, G Ewart, J L Finney, M J Gardner, B A Goodman, P G Hall, N E Hooper, B B Kent, C T Kyzer, R M Letcher, B A Lodge, G McGuire, K P Menard, T D Naylor, J E Parkin, F L Pearce, J R Plimmer, V J Patterson Poots, B P Roberts, K J Roberts, K Rollins, R Rossi, D A Scott, Q M Siddique, A W Smith, I Stewart, C D Wainwright, Y Wakatsuki, P Watts, J M Winfield, N Winterton.

St Andrew's Preparatory School, Pangbourne

The Summer Term began on Wednesday with 297 children in the School. The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Anthony Coghill to succeed Dr R.J. Acheson as Headmaster with effect from September 1. Mr Coghill is currently Headmaster of Moyles Court School, Hampshire. Head of School is Alex Greaves with Matthew Payne and Frances Ryle as Senior Prefects. Ben Parker is Captain of Cricket. OSA Day is on Sunday, July 4 and Speech Day is on Saturday, July 10.

St George's School, Ascot

Boarders returned to St George's School, Ascot, for the Summer Term on April 20, with Alexandra Barber as Head Girl. Sports Day is Friday, June 25. The term ends on Friday, July 9, at 5.00pm.

Appointments

Patrick Francis Michael Wogan to be HM Ambassador to Qatar in succession to G.H. Boyce.

Lord Wilson of Tillyorn to be chairman of the Scottish Committee of the British Council.

Judith Davidson to be a full-time Immigration Adjudicator in Scotland.

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Psalm 143:1

BIRTHS

BUTLER - On 15th April 1993, to Deborah (née Cook) and Richard, a son, Nicholas Peter William.

CRAWSHAY - On April 17th, to Claire (née Bowman) and William, a daughter, Suzannah Alice Claire.

FAIRBANK - On 20th April, to Katie (née Sanders) and Simon, a daughter, Polly Jane Beaumont.

FULLICK - On 21st April 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Rima (née Farah) and Frank, a daughter, Hannah Margaret.

HARRIS - On April 13th, to Penny (née Chester) and Nick, a son, Samuel James Travis, a brother for Georgina and Jessica.

POTTER - On 20th April, to Jill (née Benson) and David, a daughter, Harriet, half-sister for Louise and Antonia.

REID - On April 21st, to Tess (née Codrington) and Sebastian (née Beau), a son, Jamie, a brother for Archie and Alice.

SMITH - On 14th April 1993, at St George's Hospital, to Linda and Brooke, a wonderful son, Harrison.

SMYTH - On 19th April, to Sara (née Gee) and Robert, a son, Tristan James.

DEATHS

BACH - On 20th April 1993, peacefully, at Walford General Hospital, Isabel Grizel (née Hay-Halkett), wife of Edward and mother of John and Philippa. Funeral Service at Ruislip Crematorium at 3.30 pm Thursday 29th April. Flowers and enquiries to M.K. Ginder & Sons, tel: (0923) 221661.

BATHER - On April 22nd 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Bridget aged 76 years, wife of the late George Bather of Longdon, near Lichfield. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 28th at 3pm at St James Church, Longdon. Family flowers only.

BAUMANN - On April 21st 1993 in Odstock Hospital after a tragic car accident, Rosemary Eileen, beloved wife and mother. A tragic loss to the world. Funeral at Hyde Parish Church on Wednesday April 28th at 3pm. Flowers or donations for Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital c/o J & W Shering, 18 Provost Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AY.

CRAWFORD - Dr. J.M.B. Crawford M.A. J.D. Ph.D. (St Andrews), Attorney and Counsellor at Law, died peacefully in his birthplace, Tacoma, Washington, on 18th April 1993. He is survived by mother Elisabeth and his sons Teilhard and Baethan. Services will be held April 28th at 3 pm, Calvary Cemetery, Tacoma. Memorials may be sent c/o The Town House, Suite 802, 117 Tacoma Avenue, North Tacoma, Washington 98403. Tel: 0101 206 627 8279.

ENGLISH - On Tuesday 20th April at Barts, Paul, peacefully after a short illness. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday 28th April at All Saints Catholic Church, Oxted at 10 am. Family flowers only - donations to Barts Hearts, West Smithfield, EC1A 7BE. A Memorial Service will be held in the City, at a date to be announced.

GORDON-BROWN - On April 20th 1993, peacefully at the Surrey Hills Home, Lilie McEwan known as Mackie to her family. Much loved wife of Douglas (deceased). Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday April 28th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, to J Gorringe & Son, 55 Hare Lane Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Donations to The surrey Hills Home, 0428 682346.

HARRIS - On 21st April, Bridget Gibson Harris B.E.M. (Biddy), at Trinity Hospice. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, April 27th at 10 am. No flowers but donations in lieu, if wished, to The MacMillan Fund for Cancer Relief.

IRENS - On April 21st 1993 at Lister Hospital, London SW1, Annick Marie Odette aged 49 years, dearly beloved wife of Mark and mother of Julien and Camille. Funeral Service at The Brompton Oratory on Tuesday April 27th at 11am, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon on (071) 937-0757.

KNIGHT - On April 21st, peacefully after a long illness, Elizabeth Margaret (Betty) aged 84. Widow of Jasper, much loved mother of James, Robert and Diana. Family cremation on Thursday 29th April followed by service at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to British Lung Foundation c/o Tomalin and Son, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames.

LANGDON - Patricia Constance on 21st April 1993 suddenly at St Julians Nursing Wing, Colin House. More than much loved and after a long and full life. She will be missed by all her family and friends whose lives were enriched by her wise and cheerful presence. Private family funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 29th April at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, SW3 6JJ.

LANSDOWN - George Barclay Merton FRICS. Peacefully, on April 18th, in his 88th year. Deeply loved husband, father, grandfather and stepfather. A quiet cremation service will take place today.

LONG - On April 21st 1993, suddenly at her home in Cirencester, Maria Catharina Birgitta (Karin), born Stockholm 1st July 1921. Beloved wife of Alfred, dearest mother of Catharine, mother-in-law of Kieran, loving sister-in-law of Edith and Dora. She will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Service The Parish Church, Cirencester, on Tuesday 27th April 1993 at 11 am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to National Asthma Campaign c/o Packer & Slade Funeral Directors, 1 City Bank Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1LG, tel: (0285) 653625.

LYALL - On 21st April, Francis Valentine, husband of Alethea and father of Julia. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday 27th April at 3 o'clock followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired to St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (071) 229-3810.

MASON - On April 20th, at home, Dora Margaret (Margot) aged 92. Wife of the late Vice Admiral Sir Frank Mason, K.C.B., beloved mother of Ann, Richard and Diana. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced. Family flowers only, donations if wished to 2 Care, 13 Harwood Road, London SW6 4QP.

McCALLUM - On April 20th, suddenly after playing golf, Duncan, aged 78 years, of Burnham Market, formerly of Perthshire. Beloved husband of Rosemary, loving father of John, Ian and Angus, grandfather of Alistair and Fiona. Cremation to be held at Mintlyn Crematorium on Wednesday April 28th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for Multiple Sclerosis c/o S.T. Sutton Funeral Directors, Wells-Next-The-Sea, Norfolk.

NISBETT - Hugh Gilbert on 20th April after a short illness. Funeral at The Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, at 11.30 am Thursday 29th April followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations to The Friends of St Thomas', St Thomas' Hospital, SE1 7EH.

SHANKS - Donald Steuart M.A., LL.B., Notary Public of Stathern, Leicestershire. Peacefully in Grantham Hospital in his 87th year on 21st April 1993. Husband of Edith and devoted brother of the late Elaine. Requiescat in pace. Funeral Service at St Guthlac's Church, Stathern, Leicestershire, on Wednesday 28th April at 11am followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations to St Guthlac's Church, Stathern, would be appreciated c/o William Roberts and Sons, Funeral Directors, Devon Lane, Bottesford, Nottingham, tel: (0949) 42401.

SMITH - On April 20th 1993 at Orpington Hospital, Cyril Robert (Nick) Smith OBE, aged 85 years, after 10 years disability bravely borne, devotedly looked after by Babs, his wife. Father of Bob and Brian and loved by all the family especially Christopher, David, Timothy, Emma, Maureen, Rose and Susie. Service at St Francis of Assisi, West Wickham, on Thursday April 29th at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

USBORNE - Thomas George, much loved husband of Gerda, father of Peter, Julian and Christine and grandfather of ten, died after a brave struggle on the evening of 20th April 1993. He lived a long and happy life. Funeral at 2.15 pm, Wednesday 28th April at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

WILSON - On 16th April, in Toronto, J. Tuzo, aged 84, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, Toronto University, and formerly Director of the Ontario Science Centre and Chancellor of York University, Toronto, and Principal of Erindale College, Toronto University, C.C., O.B.E., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., F.C.A.E.

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ROWLAND HILDER

Rowland Hilder, OBE, painter, died on April 21 aged 87. He was born at Great Neck, Long Island, on June 28, 1905.

ROWLAND Hilder was that rare phenomenon in 20th-century art — a popular artist. And it is indicative that someone who has been described as "the most influential landscape artist of this century" is not represented in the Tate Gallery or in the Arts Council or the British Council art collections.

Rowland Hilder (the "w" crept into his Christian name as a mis-spelling on his birth registration form) was American, born of British parents. His father, who had gone to America as a butler, organised tours to Britain for millionaires. When the family moved to an apartment in New York off Central Park they had the run of the art collection of the collector and millionaire, Andrew Mellon; Hilder was able to see more Impressionists in this collection than he would have been able to see in Paris at that time.

He went to school in New Jersey; trips back to Britain each summer holiday gave him a lifelong feeling for ships and the sea. The family returned permanently to Britain in 1915 on the penultimate trip of the ill-fated *Lusitania* (torpedoed on May 7, 1915, with the loss of 1,100 lives) since his father wished to enlist; he joined the Royal Horse Artillery.

Rowland was placed with his grandparents in the village of Birling in Kent, not far from Maidstone, and the home of many Hilder ancestors — a family which had produced a dozen artists over the centuries. His father, also a keen amateur painter, took him out in the car on sketching trips. After the war the family went to live at a tobacconist's shop in New Cross, south London (bought by his father for his mother in case he did not return from the war). From there Rowland could explore, with his sketchbook, the vigorous activity of shipping on the Thames between Surrey Docks and the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. He revelled in attempting to draw all the intricate details of rigging, tackle and sail.

In 1921 Hilder entered Goldsmiths' art school, where he was put in the etching class of Malcolm Osborne, who had been taught by Frank Short. However he soon abandoned etching for illustration, under Edmund Sullivan, one of the Beardsley generation, who was keen on rapid action sketches, to catch the passing scene. This was a training that stayed with Hilder all his life. He studied marine painters such as W. L. Wyllie and Charles Dixon. A fellow-student, Graham Sutherland, persuaded him to look closely at Frank Brangwyn also. A travelling scholarship took Hilder, not on the standard tour of Italy, but as purser on a tramp steamer across the North Sea. From there he went on through the canals of Europe. "I was for observation, naturalism, and the traditions of the English school," he said.



However, art schools had not taught watercolour painting since the advent of the Modern Movement, and Hilder had to teach himself. His artistic development from then is a textbook example of dedicated amateurism. Without instruction it took him, he said, half a lifetime to master the medium instead of a few years. However, when he did eventually find himself, he produced something quite original.

Hilder had already begun two professional careers — as marine artist and illustrator of boys' sea adventure stories — when in 1928 the publishers Jonathan Cape decided at short notice to bring out an illustrated edition of Mary Webb's most famous novel, *Precious Bane*, set in north Shropshire of the Severn lowlands and deserted upland ridges. (The lengthy foreword was by the prime minister, Stanley Baldwin).

Despite the many summer scenes in the book, the publishers wanted the illustrations in a hurry, and it was November. Spending six weeks in Mary Webb's cottage at Lyth Hill in bitter cold, Hilder was struck by the stark beauty of the leafless skeletons of wind-shaped elms dotted with empty crows' nests, the frost-rimmed furrows, the pollard willows and the vista of flat lowland fields against gently rolling uplands. His draughtsman's eye appreciated this bare structure — nature's rigging as he saw it. The slanting winter sunlight, weak but clear, setting up stronger contrasts of light and shade than many a hazy summer's day, suited Hilder's dramatic style.

Here was a subject which, Hilder realised, no English painter had tackled before (though Rembrandt's sketches were no doubt an inspiration). Though his moment of truth had been in north Shropshire, Hilder returned to his native Kent, not so very different, to develop what became famous as "Hilderscapes".

The Shoreham Valley was the most easily accessible stretch of countryside to the Goldsmiths' art students; and this, long before they knew of Samuel Palmer (who was to be rediscovered by Graham Sutherland). The typical Hilderscape is from this area and from Hilder's local Kent with its nestling farms and oast houses. The light of a Hilder painting is often that of an early winter's morning; the air temperature almost palpable, brisk and bracing. Gaunt, knobbly elms soften into a filigree tracery of fine twigs shaped by the prevailing wind. If it is palely sunny, there is often a strong hint of snow or spring on the way.

These Hilderscapes made perfect Christmas cards, evoking a shiver of recognition when opened in front of a blazing fire. They also made good posters for Shell when in the early 1930s petrol companies were encouraging people to motor into the winter countryside instead of laying their cars up in winter, as was common. The height of Hilder's fame came in 1955 when, after many evocative contributions to wartime patriotic publications and posters, Shell commissioned from him and his wife Edith, a floral illustrator, a series of *Wildflowers of the Countryside* of which millions were printed as illustrations and posters. (Though Britain's most popular landscape artist, he had not been invited to participate in the Festival of Britain in 1951).

It was Hilder's observation, technique and awareness that enabled him to assemble these elements into scenes which evoked popular emotion. In part this is nostalgia; this is how it *should* be — Blake's green and pleasant land, Shakespeare's precious jewel, Palmer's earthly paradise, Churchill's valiantly defended soil, dauntlessly surviving the wintry hand of war.

It was not until 1963 that Hilder could free himself from the restraints of earning a living through illustration, and please himself in what he painted. He now extended his scope beyond the Hilderscape to many other parts of Britain and abroad, and other times of year. But his summer scenes owe a little to such varied exemplars as Cotman and Dufy — summer haze was not really for his dramatic style.

Hilder was 18 when he first exhibited at the Royal Academy (Wyndham Lewis once said that Hilder's was the only picture worth looking at in one Summer Show); his first one-person exhibition was at the Fine Art Society in Bond Street in 1939. His book illustration commissions included *Moby Dick*, *Treasure Island* and contributions to *The Bible for Today*. His own *Starting with Watercolour* and *Painting Landscapes in Watercolour*, and the two volumes, Rowland Hilder's England (1986) and *Rowland Hilder Country* (1987), presented his own work over the years.

Hilder taught at Farnham School of Art and Blackheath School of Art, and was Professor of Art at Goldsmiths' College. He was admitted — well into middle age — into the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, and was president from 1964 to 1974. In 1985 he had a retrospective exhibition at the Woodlands Gallery, Greenwich. In his mid-eighties he was still at work in the studio every day. He was even perceived as developing a new looser and more atmospheric style, and took on such untypical scenes for him as Westminster on a misty night. He was appointed OBE in 1986.

Rowland Hilder married Edith Blenkiron in 1929. She died last year and he is survived by his son (himself an accomplished painter, under the *nom de brosse* Anthony Flemming) and a daughter.

GILBERT RUSSELL

George Lawrence (Gilbert) Russell, priest, physician and psychiatrist, died on March 30 aged 84. He was born on January 15, 1909.



GILBERT Russell led a varied, vigorous life that encompassed the vocations of priest, physician and psychiatrist. After receiving a medical degree from Edinburgh University in 1932, he studied for ordination at Westcott House, Cambridge.

This was in preparation for a career as a medical missionary, a calling he had decided on at an early age. At school at Silcoates, Yorkshire, he had been given the name that he would use the rest of his life. He would not reveal what the initial G stood for, preferring to be called Lawrence. Another new boy refused to reveal the name behind his initial letter S. The pair were instantly dubbed Gilbert and Sullivan.

At Edinburgh, where he qualified as a doctor and surgeon, he met Edith Anne Willy, the nurse who became his wife. With their first daughter, Elizabeth, they set out for Hong Kong, where Russell was ordained. Their ultimate destination was the small port of Pakhoi on the south coast of China. There, with Anne's help, Russell took charge of both a general and a leper hospital.

Construction of a new leper colony, whose hospital he designed himself, was interrupted three years later by the Japanese invasion of China. The family, including their new daughter, Susan, managed to escape on one of the last flights to Hong Kong. They left behind the small grave of 18-month old Elizabeth, who had died in 1936.

Back in England, Russell served first as a curate in Farnham, Surrey, and then as vicar of St Peter's, Harrow. There, during the war years when he also served as an air raid warden, he found that his dual vocations of priest and physician led many parishioners to seek advice from him on matters spiritual, medical and emotional. As a result, and with the encouragement of William Temple, then Archbishop of Canterbury, Russell began to train as a psychiatrist.

His training coincided with a new position as the Moral Welfare Secretary at Church House. While settling into a new home in Redhill, Surrey, he worked as a "weekend priest" at St Matthew's. He also had a live radio show, *The Silver Lining*, on the BBC Home Service where he discussed a wide range of topics from love and marriage to death and the life to come.

His 25-year career as a psychiatrist started with a successful practice in Harley Street. Russell also served as head of the St Marylebone Hospital's psychiatric unit. He was a distinguished Jungian analyst and was one of a small group of London psychiatrists invited to celebrate Carl Jung's 80th birthday.

In later years, Russell returned to parish work as rector of Bentley, Hampshire. After retirement to Fontmell Magna, Dorset, in 1979, he continued to take services at St Andrew's church, there.

He leaves his widow Anne, one son and two daughters.

WALTER ZANDER

Walter Zander, lawyer and scholar, died in South Croydon on April 7 aged 94. He was born in Erfurt, Germany, on June 8, 1898.



WHEN, in 1948, Walter Zander published his pamphlet *Is This the Way?*, questioning the right of Jews to displace the indigenous Arabic population in the newly-formed Israel, it was barely noticed by the Palestinians whom he was trying to protect, and failed to move the politicians. But to his friends and fellow intellectuals (among them Gandhi and Albert Hourani) he was one of the most important Zionist thinkers of the century.

Zander was reading classics at Jena University when the first world war broke out. He fought on both the Eastern and the Western Fronts, winning the Iron Cross for gallantry. After the war he followed his father into the law, and started a practice in Berlin, later taking time off to study at the London School of Economics. In the early 1930s he wrote several articles on monetary policy.

In 1930, he married Gretl Magnus, daughter of the eminent physiologist Rudolf Magnus. By 1937 he and his family were forced to leave the increasingly hostile atmosphere of Berlin and emigrated to England. Showing a certain talent for improvisation, he set up a printing business in Slough and settled with his family in the village of Gerrards Cross. With the outbreak of war, however, he and his family were interned in the Isle of Wight (their rations were supplemented by food parcels from their former English neighbours). Meanwhile his mother, a gifted amateur painter and sculptor, had died in the Holocaust.

Zander was made Secretary of the British Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1944. He held this post for 27 years and used it to air his considerable worries regarding proper arrangements, including compensation, for the Palestinians. *Is This the Way?* so impressed Gandhi that Zander was invited, as the only Jew, to a conference on world conflict situations in India.

One of the few Arabs to recognise Zander's talents was his friend for more than fifty years, the late Albert Hourani. When, in 1972, Zander retired from the Friends, to devote himself to study it was principally through Hourani's influence that he was made Senior Associate Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford, attached to the Middle East Centre.

In 1971 Zander published *Israel and the Holy Places of Christendom*. He wrote about the Christian church with an understanding rarely found in non-Christians. It reflected the obvious uneasiness he felt about the "judaizing" of Jersualem, although he held out a forlorn hope for the future in the shape of a probable Arab-Israeli agreement.

His last important publication, in the *Israel Law Review* in 1982, concerned a historic dispute between the Coptic and the Ethiopian Churches.

Music had always been important to him. As a boy he had studied at the Conservatory in Erfurt and he was almost certainly the last person alive to have played under Arthur Nikisch, the legendary conductor of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra and friend of Brahms.

His wife died in 1968, and he is survived by his four children, one of whom is Michael Zander, Professor of Law at the London School of Economics.

ROBERT WESTALL

Robert Westall, children's writer, died on April 15 aged 63. He was born in Tynemouth, Northumberland, on October 7, 1929.



"ANY book about children has got to be about the power struggle between children and adults. It's this that interests children". One of the best-loved of children's writers, Robert Westall never swerved from his early manifesto, or attempted to water down the very realistic brand of fiction for which he became known, despite the prevailing blandness of children's books when he published the first of a total of forty books in 1975.

This was *The Machine Gunners*, an overnight success which won the Carnegie Medal and was later serialised for television. In it Westall tackled a number of topics that continued to fascinate him throughout his life, including the gang structure of children's society and the ways in which children can outwit adults.

Westall set the novel in Tyneside during the second world war, where a small group of frustrated children get their hands on an undamaged machine-gun from a shot-down German aircraft and set it up in a private gun-emplacement to fight off invasion — from Nazis, they claim, but in reality from their parents and adults in general.

Its gutsy hero, Chas McGill, bore a striking resemblance to the young Bob Westall, and was a character which he returned to in later books. Despite its uncompromising language and realistic descriptions of family life, violence and sexuality, the book quickly established itself as a children's classic, and propelled Westall into the same league, as far as sales went, as Carroll, Nesbit and Ransome.

His choice of subject matter, however, could hardly have been more different from them, whether he was talking about Oedipal relationships in *The Scarecrows* (for which he won another Carnegie Medal in 1982) or dreaming up another *Brave New World* in the chilling *Futuretrack 5* (1983).

The supernatural, which he turned to in *The Wind Eye* (1976) and *The Devil on the Road* (1978), fascinated him, but he was incapable of writing a traditional ghost story. In *The Stones of Muncaster Cathedral* (1991), a master mason has a terrifying confrontation with some sort of ancient evil embodied in a medieval craftsman, while in *Brangwyn Gardens*, set in Westall's student days, what looks like the work of the supernatural is in fact nothing but a manifestation of the protagonist's own madness.

His fanatical love of cats was also given free rein. In 1989 he won the overall Smarties prize for *Blitzcat*, a story about a cat trailing her master through war-torn Britain. For younger children there was *The Christmas Cat* (1991) and *If Cats Could Fly* (1990).

The workings of children's gangs fascinated him. He saw the gang as essentially a sort of trade union of boys which provided the necessary framework of rules and a code of honour during their formative years. As a teacher for 28 years, Westall claimed that the key to his survival in the classroom had been to become a "Superkid" himself, assuming the leadership of the gang.

As a boy in his own gang, however, Westall had occupied the position of adviser to the leader. He was not one for rough action, being a grammar-school boy from an affectionate if claustrophobic working-class background. He took two fine art degrees, at Durham University and the Slade School in London, and did his national service in the Royal Signals in Egypt. In 1957 he became a teacher and spent the next 28 years in art departments at schools in Birmingham, Yorkshire and Cheshire, finally at Northwich, where he was head of art at Sir John Deane's College. When the local paper, the *Cheshire Chronicle*, made him their art critic, it was his first real writing experience.

Having progressed to northern art critic for *The Guardian*, Westall felt confident enough to try his hand at fiction. He read his first three manuscripts aloud to his son Chris, a valued adviser who later featured in many of his books. His son's approval gave him the confidence to send one, *The Machine Gunners*, to a publisher. Westall wrote it in order to explain to Chris what it felt like to grow up during the war.

His son died in a motorcycle accident at the age of 18 and Westall was devastated, but somehow despite his grief, he became even more prolific. Three books of his are being published this year: *Down Stream* returns to wartime Britain, while *A Place For Me* is a contemporary thriller with echoes of the Ponting affair. His last critical success came with *The Kingdom by the Sea* for which he won *The Guardian*'s award for children's fiction in 1991.

His writing was done at a small desk, looking out from his study onto the street only a few feet away. The room was crowded with clocks — some left over from a brief period as antiques dealer — and cats.

His only work for adults included a collection of ghost stories, *Antique Dust* (1989) and *The Children of The Blitz* (1985), an anthology of letters which he received after publication of *The Machine Gunners*. Generally, he felt too inhibited by what he saw as the false sophistication of adult prose to attempt writing it.

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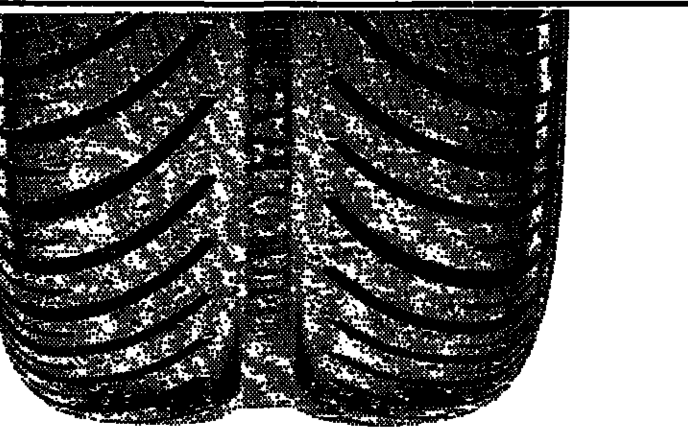
Yesterday morning, at about 9.20, an earthquake made itself distinctly felt over the eastern counties, and especially in Essex. The centre of agitation, if the severity of the shock can be taken as a criterion, appears to have been at Colchester, where, in addition to the undulation of the earth, subterranean rumblings were heard. It rocked buildings to and fro, displaced furniture, opened doors, rang bells, set gasaliers and other pendants oscillating, and in some instances caused serious damage. The streets were strewn with the *débris* of fallen chimneys: 40 feet of the stone spire of the Lion-walk Congregational Church was broken off and came crashing to the ground; the walls of several buildings were split, several houses were unroofed, and the water tower visibly rose and sank, though without sustaining any injury. The aggregate damage is estimated at £10,000. The consternation of the inhabitants can be better imagined than described; those asleep were sharply aroused, and many of those who were up and about rushed into the streets expecting every moment to find their dwellings collapsing about their heads. Many buildings would undoubtedly have shared the fate of the church if the disturbance had lasted a second or two more. The shock commenced with a rumbling sound, increasing in intensity for about 20 seconds, and then suddenly ceased. The police and fire brigade went down to the gas works, but all was comparatively safe there. At the North Railway Station the 9.20 train, just about to start, rocked so much that the driver was thrown off the engine on to the platform. In the surrounding districts the damage is very heavy. Langenhoe Church is almost destroyed. We further learn that in Colchester business was practically suspended at once, schools and factories were immediately closed, and crowds of persons filled the streets. The effect of the shock on the church in Colchester seems to have been to lift the tower bodily on its southern side, and there is now a distinct inclination to the north of the rent and fissured building. A young lady walking in Sheep's Head meadow, at the back of the Castle, experienced no sensation of the earth moving, but saw to her astonishment and consternation a cottage in Maidenburgh-street topple over and become a partial wreck without any apparent cause. The railway and its bridges have been found to be safe.

At Chelmsford the shock was distinctly and generally felt, chiefly by those engaged in buildings, and more particularly by those on first, second or third floors. The massive pile known as Her Majesty's Prison vibrated and seemed to be for a few moments agitated as a vessel would be by the swell of the sea. The officials noticed it distinctly, and turned out to see what was amiss. The earth wave seemed to travel from north-east to south-west — that is, from the direction of Colchester. Persons living near the foot of the hill felt their houses rocking in a most remarkable manner for several seconds; pictures on the walls oscillated considerably, and the crockery ware played an audible accompaniment.

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MOTORING

Land Rover is 45 years old next week. **Kevin Eason** finds the company still brimming with ideas

On the road to Discovery

Land Rover has become a world-beating car company even in a time of deep recession by harnessing an extraordinary power . . . the brainpower of 7,000 workers.

The business — 45 years old next week — is saving millions of pounds and improving the quality of its models just by asking the advice of men and women on the assembly lines.

By using the company's biggest, most expensive and most obvious asset, executives have discovered that they have one of the most productive workforces in the world.

Executives at the headquarters of Rover — which owns the Land Rover subsidiary — decided that the days of "them and us" were over. They have been overwhelmed by bright ideas to improve manufacturing techniques, save money and ensure that every Land Rover is good as it can be when it rolls off the assembly line. Last year alone, ideas from workers saved the company £1.6 million.

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An independent survey by the Employee Involvement Association of North Carolina found that the response rate for suggestions from Land Rover workers was the highest in the Western industrialised world at 309 per cent — more than three bright ideas per worker per year. That compares with an average for the UK workforce of just 10 per cent, while the American average is 15 per cent.

Rover has now taken the suggestion idea a step further, giving workers permission to sort out any problems they find in the business by forming "flying squads". The quality action teams, as they are known, are voluntary and a loose association of workers ready to pit their brains against a stumbling block in the efficiency of the business. In 1990, there were just 85 teams of eight people; last year there were 370 teams.

While almost every other car business in Europe is struggling, Land Rover has record sales and productivity.

Sales in the first quarter of this year were 7,091 — an increase of 31 per cent and the highest ever for the January to March period. Sales in the UK — where the new car market was flat last year — are up 28 per cent and in America, where recession has been just as deep, up 33 per cent.

When car makers were laying off workers all over Europe last year, Land Rover cranked up the production lines for all its models. Most spectacular was demand for the Discovery with output going up from 500 a week to 700 a week. Now 1,300 vehicles a week pour from the factory at Solihull in the West Midlands. Exports worth £700 million went to more than 100 markets last year and profits were £60 million.

Now the name of Land Rover is not just a generic term for a mud-ploughing workhorse but is as readily identified as a luxury car as a Mercedes. In fact, much of the growth in Land Rover sales has come from the luxury car sector where drivers are swapping BMWs and Mercedes for the tall driving position and cosseting luxury of a Discovery or a Range Rover.

The Range Rover continues to be acknowledged as the best of the best. Hardly anyone would risk the paintwork cross-country, but at £38,000, a 4.2-litre Vogue LSE is as stylish as an Armani suit.

The Discovery — the mid-range model in the Land Rover family — has simply been a revelation. The vehicle now takes a quarter of the annual market for leisure vehicles and is rapidly becoming a choice for family car for its versatility, ruggedness and good looks, as well as prices pitched at between £17,000 and £21,000.

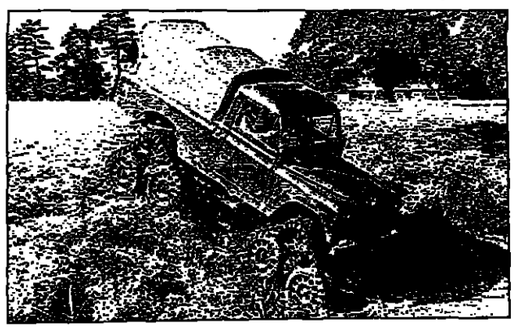
There are economical diesel versions, a new 3.9-litre V8 on the way and soon a "budget" model using the Rover 800's 2-litre engine and pitched below the present £17,000 threshold. The model based on the original bulky vehicle first shown in 1948 is not finished yet. Now named Defender, the rugged, square-box vehicle will exported to America later this year.

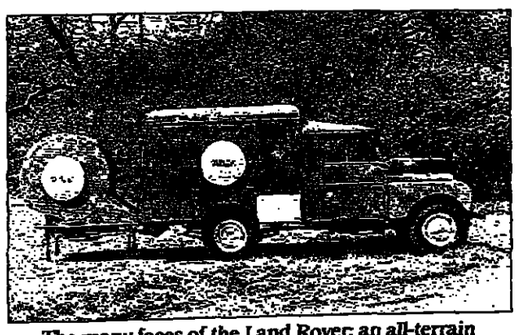
The export deal will provide workers at the Solihull factory with cause for a double celebration for 1.5 million Land Rovers have been made in the past 45 years. The range is unique, the name international and envied by every car business from America to Japan.

And now the workforce, which has ensured the survival of one of Britain's greatest exports, is also the envy of manufacturers the world over.



Making tracks: in its element, a Land Rover gets to grips with a muddy incline





The many faces of the Land Rover: an all-terrain vehicle, top, and promoting golf balls, bottom

We can always beat a Jeep

How the legend started — two brothers and an act of faith

The first one had a steering wheel in the centre while the doors were an optional extra.

On April 29, 1948, visitors to the Amsterdam Motor Show saw the first Land Rover . . . and they were baffled.

The concept of a vehicle with no frills that could go anywhere had already been pioneered by the Jeep, which introduced itself crashing through the mud of the second world war. Perhaps it was arrogance or just plain old British common sense, but the Wilkes brothers, who then ran Rover cars, thought they could do better — and they did.

Even the worst recession for 60 years has not been able to knock the company off course. It could have been a very different story because, almost more than any other car business, Land Rover is open to huge Japanese competition.

Sales of four-wheel drive vehicles can be lucrative, with their high profit return and seemingly infinite after-market for extra goodies that range from green wellies to bull bars. No wonder companies such as Mitsubishi, Toyota and Isuzu push Land Rover hard. It was a battle the Japanese almost won.

At the end of the seventies, Land Rover was in a bad way, like much of the British motor industry. The business was a ragbag of 15 factories stretched across the West Midlands. A million miles were travelled annually shifting packages between plants.

Michael Edwardes, then axing his way through the shambles of British Leyland, switched the whole business back to its roots in the old Rover cars plant in Solihull.

While faithful Land Rover customers were offered either an outdated lumpy Land Rover or an upmarket Range Rover, the Japanese were laughing all the way to the bank providing mid-range vehicles such as the Mitsubishi Shogun and Isuzu Trooper.

Land Rover needed a model less expensive than a Range Rover but just as comfortable, less spartan than a square-box Land Rover but just as tough.

The result was the Discovery. The nearest most drivers will come to testing the Discovery's rugged abilities off-road is parking on the kerb outside a wine bar. But the appeal is in its classic English looks, high driving position and cavernous interior, partly styled by the Conran design group.

The Wilkes brothers would have approved, although they would be the first to admit that the Land Rover came about more by accident than design. They were running the old Rover cars business when they needed a stopgap model to keep their factory going at the end of the war.

Maurice Wilkes, the chairman, had driven an ex-army American Jeep around his farm on Anglesey and decided Rover could do better. But there was no steel to make the vehicle. Spencer Wilkes, the chief designer, took the next best option of aluminium and the Land Rover was born.

The steering wheel was placed in the centre because the Wilkes intended to produce for Britain and overseas and that meant there would not have to be right and left-hand-drive production. The doors were an option because vehicles bouncing around farms would not need such unnecessary gadgets.

The brothers gradually improved on their original ideas and within a decade, Land Rovers were everywhere from jungle tracks to Scottish fields.

The estate that sets the standards

Vaughan Freeman discovers how Mercedes-Benz sees off the competition with an uprated estate

It is a measure of the respect that rivals have for the estate cars built by Mercedes-Benz that they are still the benchmark for refinement and engineering excellence against which all contenders are measured.

Even so, with newly-arrived competition in the form of the Audi S4 estate and the beautifully-styled BMW 5 Series Touring, Mercedes-Benz has been unable to rest on its laurels. In response, Mercedes has given its estate versions of the W124 range, first introduced eight years ago, a rejuvenating engine transplant. The uprated engine is a multi-valve six-cylinder unit which boosts power, improves economy, and makes the car quieter and smoother than its predecessor.

> It is hard not to be impressed, even if it does not come cheap

A 1,500-mile three-day drive, through the traffic jams of southern England, down the motorways of France and into Switzerland, gave ample opportunity to discover whether Mercedes could still work its long-haul, big-load magic.

The car's load area is massive and carefully detailed, with no awkward bulges or lumps to prevent suitcases, trunks, or other luggage being easily lifted in and out. Half-a-dozen internal lights allow you to see into every corner, and only a slightly shoddy roller blind affair designed to hide loads from prying eyes is a disappointment.

Inside, all is quiet and calm. Everybody I have ridden with in a Mercedes enthuses about the comfort of the seats, but for some reason I can never get comfortable for too long, possibly because the electrically operated seats give me too many buttons to push and too many seating options to choose from. Even so, there is ample leg and head room.

The vehicle is prodigiously secure, a driver-side air bag is standard, as are anti-lock brakes. Performance can prove illegally adequate, and I was grateful for the cruise control which works brilliantly by a stalk column, and gives effortless control and relaxing driving.

The new engine is supremely smooth, with endless reserves of power and an excellent automatic gearbox that delivers the power as painlessly as it is generated.

Like all top-notch estates, the Mercedes feels like a regular saloon to drive. There is no echoing void behind you, wind and tyre noise are at a minimum, and the car handles and responds smoothly and securely, though it thumps going over pot-holed roads at low speeds.

It is hard not to be impressed with the car, even if this level of motoring does not come cheap. The "base" 320TE is priced at just under £35,000, and the model I drove benefited from optional extras, including leather upholstery and air-conditioning worth £4,000. The consolation for existing and would-be Mercedes-Benz owners is that the cars have phenomenal resale values. In recent months, used Mercedes cars have actually gone up in price.

THE FACTS

Car: Mercedes-Benz 320TE Estate.
Engine: 3.2-litre, six-cylinder, petrol, giving 220bhp at 5,500rpm, through automatic transmission.
Performance: 0-60mph in eight seconds: top speed, 135mph.
Economy: 19.3mpg in town, 30mpg at 56mph, and 25mpg at 75mph.
Price: £34,800.



Touring the estate: the Mercedes-Benz W124

Undertaking to crack the Highway Code

Road experts call for a change in advice to drivers on motorway overtaking

Leading road safety experts believe that the American highway law which allows overtaking on inside lanes — known as "undertaking" — should be allowed on British motorways under new motorway guidelines.

The Institute of Advanced Motorists believes our motorways are now so busy and so wide — up to five lanes across on some sections of the M25 — that overtaking on the inside is already a way of life, but one which the Highway Code does not give drivers sufficiently clear advice about.

Robert Peters, the institute's chief executive, said that under the right circumstances undertaking would help motorway traffic run more smoothly and contribute to road safety. He called on the government to issue new guidelines.

However, other safety organisations believe that undertaking could cost lives. Taking population and vehicle density into account, America's fatal car accident rate is twice as high as in the UK.

The Highway Code tells drivers to pass on the right, although they are allowed to pass on the left. The code's Article 102 reads: "Do not overtake on the left unless traffic is moving slowly in queues, and vehicles in a lane to the right are moving more slowly than you." But Article 167 reads: "Do not move to a lane on your left to overtake."

Mr Peters says: "The Highway Code seems not to cover the proliferation of motorway lanes, such as certain stretches of the M25, where there are sometimes five lanes if you include longish exit and entry lanes. It would be ridiculous for a motorist coming on to the motorway to hold back because he is going faster than traffic in the overtaking lane.

"The Department of Transport has not seen fit to issue any reasonable guidelines, yet many drivers, probably the majority, do not understand fully the regulations, and even the new Highway Code is not much help. Overtaking on the left is not illegal, and a driver who moves to a designated inner lane to exit the motorway may find himself undertaking traffic.

"Is he breaking the law? Probably not. There seem to be grey areas in the wording of the Highway Code relating to overtaking on the motorway."

Edmund King, campaigns manager with the RAC, agrees that undertaking is becoming a fact of motorway life, but does not believe the general restriction on moving to the left to overtake should be lifted. He feels the system works well there, though drivers need good lane discipline, and need to check mirrors on both sides of their car constantly.

Danny Daniels, spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, says: "We feel that undertaking as a policy if introduced here would only confuse drivers and be dangerous."

A spokesman for the Department of Transport said he believed the Highway Code was clear on the issue, and that the problem was that too few motorists read its advice on motorway driving regularly.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

ROADWISE

Fleet winner

THE Vauxhall Cavalier has been voted Fleet Car of the Year for the fourth year in a row by the Association of Car Fleet Operators. The award rounded off a good week for the Luton manufacturer which, with Ford, Nissan and Caterham Cars, also won Queen's Awards for Export Achievement.

☐ A MAYDAY to Jaguar owners comes from Times reader Philip Livings, a teacher at the Chatham Grammar School for Boys. He needs a day's loan of the six-litre XJ12 to star at the school's Jaguar Spectacular fund-raising day on May 9. The car would join 400 classic vehicles, half of them Jaguars, including every 12-cylinder Jaguar model built except the as-yet missing XJ12. Mr Livings can be contacted at 0634 830083.

☐ HEAD for the sun. The Mazda 121 1.3i GLX Canvas Top now has an electrically operated sun roof and is priced at £9,800. From Citroën comes the AX Debut which features a sun roof thrown in for free. Prices start at £5,795.

Speed is of the essence

Two wheels are often better than four when a life hangs in the balance

Motor cycles are increasingly being used by ambulance services, which see them as an ideal way to beat inner-city jams and the congestion accidents often create.

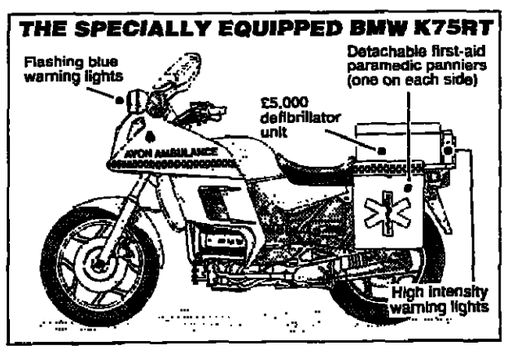
The Avon Ambulance Service NHS Trust has become the third in the country to take advantage of two wheels, and to set up a paramedic motorcycle service similar to schemes which are already on trial in London, and in the West Midlands.

Next month, the Avon Ambulance Service will take delivery of a specially designed BMW K75RT, which is kitted out with a complete set of paramedic equipment, including a defibrillator, used to impart electric shocks to revive accident victims who have suffered cardiac arrest. There is also an oxygen supply and a portable radio.

Robert Holland, divisional superintendent for Avon Ambulance and in charge of the project, says: "Motor-cycle paramedics can get to patients quickly and stabilise their condition before an ambulance arrives. When it does, the ambulance can then provide further supportive treatment during the journey to hospital."

Avon Ambulance, which handles about 36,000 emergency callers each year, says it hopes that with the help of the paramedic motor cycle, it will get more "live cases" to hospital. It already meets the government's response times of 19 minutes in rural areas, and 14 minutes in urban areas. This means more patients are able to get vital treatment in the so-called "golden hour", the first 60 minutes after an emergency, since treatment in the second hour has been shown to have a far lower success rate.

THE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED BMW K75RT



The paramedic motor-cycle service will be manned by a team of three paramedics, all experienced motorcyclists. They will undergo the same defensive riding training as the police. Nicholas Woolf, the NHS trust spokesman, says: "The selection of paramedics is under way at the moment. The job will be very stressful because the riders will be on their own at the scene. It will be quite tough."

Although keeping road traffic accident casualties alive will be an important element of the service, Avon also hopes to use it to make more efficient use of ambulances. The two-wheel paramedics will attend incidents where an ambulance may not be necessary, such as minor injuries, diabetic collapse and some coronary cases. They will also respond to calls where access for a conventional ambulance would be difficult, such as pedestrian-only areas, and will provide a back up paramedic service to the fire brigade and the police.

The initiative marks another success for BMW in supplying motor cycles to the authorities. In March, British police ordered 115 machines from the German manufacturer in a deal worth more than £1 million.

Avon Ambulance Trust spent a year assessing motor cycles before choosing BMW "for reliability and a willingness to accommodate specific design needs", such as the larger horizontal pannier to carry the £5,000 defibrillator. The trust decided that the big-engined K1100LT BMW motor cycle, much favoured by police forces, was too powerful for its needs. Mr Woolf said: "We chose the K75RT because we did not want outright speed. We wanted a lighter bike to accommodate the extra weight, which was more controllable, and had smoother power. We don't want paramedics to ride fast. We want them to keep themselves safe."

PAT HAGAN

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY APRIL 23 1993

NEWS

Green shoots banishing gloom

■ Government hopes of an end to the recession were raised further yesterday by figures reflecting a fall in unemployment for the second successive month and a string of positive economic signs.

In addition to news of 26,000 more people back at work, government supporters were cheered by a fall in German interest rates, a sharp rise in business confidence, more house sales and the best March car production figures for 19 years Pages 1, 17, 23, 24, 27

Major crusading for Europe

■ *John Major went on the offensive against Euro-sceptics* last night and presented his vision of a Britain capable of shaping the development of an outward-looking European Community Pages 1, 7, 9, 17

Killing 'disgrace'

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, whose British soldiers found, in one house in the village of Ahinici, central Bosnia, the charred bodies of seven people, including three children, described the killings as a disgrace Pages 1, 8

Coppers del Sol

At least 500 former Scotland Yard and provincial force detectives have moved in retirement to Spain, where vain efforts to extradite criminals occupied many of them for years Page 1

Leader dies

Andries Treurnicht, 72, the leader and founder of the rightwing Conservative party in South Africa, has died. He suffered a heart attack a week ago and underwent quintuple bypass surgery this week Page 1

Rail ballot

The main railways union, RMT, has decided to put British Rail's final offer on jobs to a membership ballot. Further strikes on the issue now appear remote Page 2

Magistrate guilty

Cranog Jones, 44, a magistrate, will be sentenced today for attempting to murder his wife using a home-made gas chamber designed to fit over her face as she slept and linked by pipe to her car exhaust Page 3

Waco slaughter

Investigators have uncovered evidence of gunshot deaths of at least three children, in the ashes of the Waco cult compound and believe that many other occupants may have been dead before fire engulfed the buildings Page 11

Drug insiders

Two former drug company employees, writing in the *British Medical Journal*, have accused scientists, who research new drugs, of breaking the law by using inside knowledge to deal in drug company shares Page 6

Moral sex

John Patten, the education secretary, has launched a crusade to ensure that sex education is taught within a clear moral framework in which teachers who give advice to under-age girls about the provision of contraception without parental knowledge or consent could face criminal charges Page 5

Vote split

The defeated vote on a Labour backbench amendment calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty split the three main parties. While more than 150 MPs abstained, 38 Tories voted with 62 Labour MPs, 14 Liberal Democrats, six Ulster Unionists and three Scottish Nationalists Page 7

Disc change

Britain's biggest retailer, W.H. Smith, and one of the country's largest record companies, HMV, have backed the campaign for cheaper compact discs Page 3

Chess titans agree match details

■ Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov have completed details for their £1.7 million, 24-game series in *The Times* 1993 World Chess Championship. The event, designed to launch the game as a top international spectator sport, will begin at the Savoy Theatre in London on September 7 until October 30 Page 1



Caged fervour: Muslim extremists face an Egyptian military court for attacking tourists and attempting insurrection. Page 9

BUSINESS

Black hole: The English side of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International has a shortfall of $2.13 billion in assets, according to a liquidator's report to the DTI Page 23

Attali apology: Jacques Attali, president of the EBRD, apologised for the level of spending on the bank's opulent City headquarters, but would not resign Page 23

Markets: Sterling made strong gains after the cut in German interest rates. It rose 2.28 pfennigs to DM2.4879 and .93 cents to $1.5477, advancing to 80.7 on the trade weighted index. The FT-SE 100 index ended the day up 11.5 at 2,881.1 Page 26

SPORT

Football: Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, is out of England's crucial World Cup group two qualifying match against Holland next Wednesday. His place in the FA Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday on May 15 is also in doubt because of a broken toe Page 46

Boxing: "In America, Frank Bruno is not even thought of; if I am beaten by him it'd be an embarrassment." *Bruno's next opponent*, Carl "The Truth" Williams, is in confident mood talking to Clement Freud Page 44

London Marathon: Tina Dorrell was the 24,369th and last finisher in the race on Sunday. The last of the full results Pages 38, 39

FEATURES

Valerie Grove interview: Roman Catholicism suits Ann Widdecombe: it calls a sin a sin. Such certainty appeals to her Page 15

MOTORING

Road to Discovery: Kevin Eason looks at the Land-Rover on its 45th birthday, and finds the workers who make it brimming with bright ideas Page 21

INFOTECH

Smaller bills: From the falling price of phone calls to the competition that is forcing down the cost of computers. Five pages of inside information on the world of information technology Pages 30-34

ARTS

Top of the forms: Richard Cork assesses the work of Anish Kapoor, one of our finest younger sculptors, who exemplifies the multicultural nature of British artistic tradition Page 35

Everything but words: City of Birmingham Touring Opera has a bold and exciting new production of Rameau's *Les Boréades*, but its effectiveness is diminished by inaudible words Page 36

Branson's latest launch: Virgin 1215, the second national commercial radio station, begins transmissions next week. How will its "adult-orientated-rock" programming affect all the existing broadcasters? Page 37

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



John Gummer suggests that the Church of England should now share its privileged position with Roman Catholics and other churches Pages 3, 15



Graham Gooch, playing for Essex against England A, was on course for his official, undisputed, 100th century when he was out for 88 Page 46



Emperor Akihito tries to lay to rest wartime ghosts with a visit to Okinawa, one of the islands that saw Japan's last stand in 1945 Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

The real Boris Yeltsin

■ On Sunday, Russians will cast their votes in a referendum to decide their leader's — and their country's — future. Anne McElvoy reports in The Times Magazine from Moscow on Boris Yeltsin

Raise your glasses please

■ A homely toast to St George. Jane MacQuitty discovers pleasant surprises in the vineyards of England and Wales

Young minds at the Young Vic

■ What does the future hold for the Young Vic under its new, young directors?

TV LISTINGS

Funny business: Robin Williams trained as an actor, became a stand-up comedian and returned to acting. His career is examined in *Robin Williams — Acting Funny* (C4, 11.05pm) Page 43

OPINION

A democratic charade

The people of Britain want decisions taken at the lowest level just as the prime minister claims to do. And that means giving them the chance to decide: Maastricht, yes or no Page 17

Lessons of recovery

The real danger of the coming economic recovery is that Britain's habits of pessimism and defeatism will prove too deeply ingrained. John Major will confuse pointless austerity for anti-inflationary virtue Page 17

Great when?

What tourists think of London as a tourist centre is one of those puzzling questions providing as many answers as the one which asks what Londoners think of the tourists Page 17

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Late one night in the heart of Bath, a gang of thieves drove a car through the plate-glass shop-windows of the biggest department store in the city. A crowd grew. Shouting for help, a policeman wrestled a villain to the ground, but behind him he heard three remarkable sounds Page 16

BARBARA AMIEL

Prior to her separation from Nelson Mandela and her conviction as an accessory to murder, accounts of Winnie Mandela's excesses were simply not taken seriously. The dismantling of her halo was a side issue in the story of the dismantling of apartheid, and one that might give aid, ammunition and comfort to racist regimes Page 16

LETTERS

Bank lash: Readers condemn the lavish spending at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Page 17

THE PAPERS

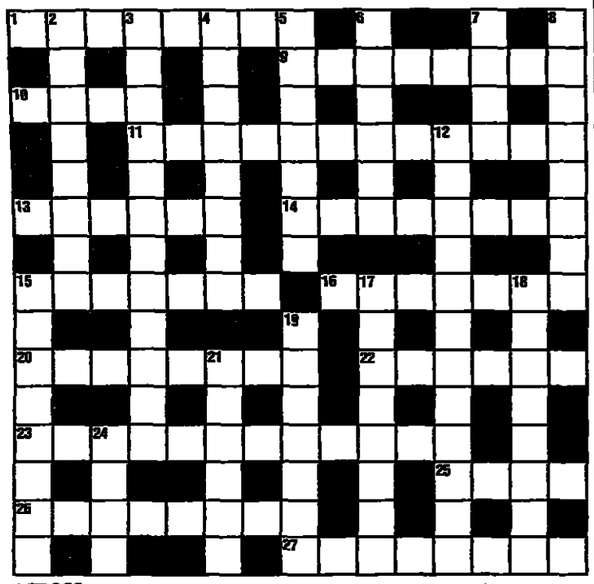
Mr Clinton's friends in Congress are now pushing him to warn China that it cannot continue to ignore the rules of the game

The Washington Post

The only proper argument to deploy (for private prisons) is that they will be more efficient. If this isn't so, there's no argument for them at all

Evening Standard

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,212



ACROSS

1 Bachelor with girl spotted handkerchief (8)
9 Surrender in US ordered by our General, in short — this one (8)
10 Eggs ejected from mouth (4)
11 Uncomfortable place to cry, but it's there if you break down (4,3)
13 Understand in depth (6)
14 I have chosen to go first — it's *optional* (8)
15 Wine comes in his 'n' her varieties (7)
16 Cut back dripping tree with its crown removed (7)
20 In casual dress, not being fit (8)
22 Apocryphal character who found a theatrical angel (6)
23 How to get away with an old *chestnut*? (12)
25 Superior companion, chosen from a series (4)
26 GUM store ransacked by those seeking a good table (8)
27 Jo's work at the crossing ends finally in tears (8)

DOWN

2 Golf shot is near (8)
3 Host shows trick with some cards (2,3,7)
4 We hear rough play is forbidden by this declaration (2,6)
5 A tree in the garden appearing red (7)
6 Old wood surrounding hollow (6)
7 Explorer who wrote masses (4)
8 Help to put out fire, in turn (8)
12 Shepherdess's brief game of hide-and-seek (6, 2-4)
15 *Hard Times* as a serial, say? (8)
17 I love the sun — terrible what it can do to the moon (8)
18 Soldiers' fighting response (8)
19 Peculiarity half the cardinals show (7)
21 Black Watch coming round the wood (6)
24 Our crumbling drive at last gets a rake (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,211

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WEATHER

Rain over northern and western England and Scotland at first, then more heavy rain over southwestern areas will move northwards. East Anglia and the extreme southeast of England will be mostly dry. Eastern Scotland will also have outbreaks of rain. Sunny intervals and heavy showers will develop in Northern Ireland with a risk of thunder. Outlook: rain moving slowly west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Madrid	16	61	f
Alicatri	21	70	s	Majorca	18	64	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Algiers	17	63	c	Malta	16	61	s
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Melb'rne	23	84	s
Athens	22	72	s	Miami*	26	82	s
Bahrain	28	82	s	Milan	21	70	s
Bangkok	28	82	c	Montreal*	4	39	r
Barbade*	29	84	s	Moscow	6	43	s
Barcelna	16	61	c	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	19	66	s	Naples	19	66	s
Belgrade	24	75	s	N Delhi	38	100	s
Berlin	22	72	s	N York*	21	70	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	Nice	17	63	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Oslo	12	54	r
Borde'x	14	57	c	Paris	14	57	c
Brussels	17	63	f	Peking	22	72	c
Budapst	20	68	s	Perth	20	68	c
B Aires*	18	64	r	Prague	23	73	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Reykjavik	3	37	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Rhodes	21	70	s
Chicago*	10	50	s	Rio de J	36	97	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Riyadh	34	93	s
Cologne	20	73	s	Rome	18	64	s
C'hagen	15	59	c	Salzburg	22	72	r
Corfu	19	66	s	S F'risco*	18	64	f
Dublin	13	55	c	Santiago*	19	66	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Faro	18	64	s	Seoul	20	68	c
Florence	19	66	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	22	72	s	St'kholm	11	52	r
Funchal	17	63	c	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Geneva	20	68	f	Sydney	22	72	f
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Tangier	18	64	f
Helsinki	8	46	c	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Hong K	27	81	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Innsbruck	21	70	s	Tokyo	19	66	r
Istanbul	17	63	s	Toronto*	3	37	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	r
Le Tquet	10	50	c	Venice	19	66	s
Lisbon	16	61	c	Vienna	20	68	s
Locarno	21	70	s	Warsaw	16	61	f
London	13	55	c	Wash'ton*	18	64	f
L Angels*	22	73	f	Wel'ton	10	50	c
Luxembg	18	64	f	Zurich	23	73	s
Luxor	33	91	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,005.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 10.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr

GLASGOW

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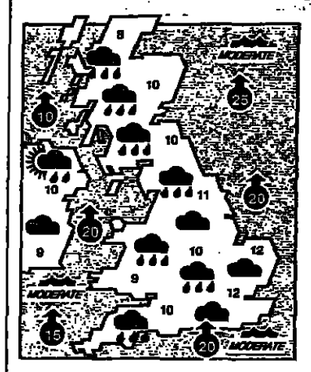
AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.9	0.01	14	57	shower
Anglesey	3.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Aviemore	2.9	0.11	13	55	shower
Birmingham	4.2	-	14	57	shower
Bognor Regis	7.0	-	16	61	bright
Bournemouth	10.2	-	16	61	sunny
Bristol	3.0	0.05	14	57	bright
Buxton	1.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	4.6	0.01	13	55	sunny
Clacton	7.8	-	16	61	bright
Colwyn Bay	3.8	-	14	57	bright
Cromer	X	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	3.4	0.07	13	55	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	0.21	10	50	shower
Exmouth	5.7	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	9.5	0.06	14	57	sunny
Folkestone	8.3	-	14	57	bright
Glasgow	2.2	0.28	13	55	rain
Guernsey	7.6	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	8.1	-	13	55	bright
Hunstanton	5.4	-	15	59	bright
Isle Of Man	4.8	-	12	54	sunny
Jersey	6.9	-	16	61	sunny
Kinloss	3.8	0.05	14	57	bright
Leeds	3.5	-	13	55	bright
Lerwick	6.2	0.04	10	50	rain
Littlehampton	8.5	-	14	57	sunny
London	9.6	-	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	9.2	-	17	63	bright
Manchester	1.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Margate	8.7	-	18	64	bright
Minehead	3.3	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	1.3	0.04	11	52	cloudy
Newcastle	10.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Nottingham	3.2	-	14	57	bright
Penzance	9.3	0.02	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Poole	9.7	-	16	61	sunny
Salcombe	9.1	-	14	57	sunny
Sandown	8.7	-	15	59	bright
Saunton Snd	5.9	-	13	55	sunny
Scarborough	8.7	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.6	0.04	14	57	sunny
Southend	8.3	-	17	63	bright
Southsea	7.8	-	14	57	bright
Stornoway	0.5	0.06	11	52	shower
Swanage	8.5	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	7.3	-	15	59	sunny
Tenby	10.5	0.01	13	55	sunny
Tiree	1.4	0.13	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	8.1	-	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	9.6	0.01	13	55	sunny
Wick	3.9	0.14	12	54	shower
Worthing	8.1	-	13	55	bright

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.30	49.90
Canada $	2.073	1.913
Denmark Kr	10.13	9.33
Finland Mkk	9.21	8.41
France Fr	8.87	8.17
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	351.00	320.00
Hong Kong $	12.61	11.61
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2450.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	187.75	169.75
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	241.20	223.20
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.20
Spain Pta	188.50	173.50
Sweden Kr	12.03	11.23
Switzerland Fr	2.377	2.197
Turkey Lira	15500.0	14500.0
USA $	1.645	1.515

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.41 pm to 5.18 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.28 am
Edinburgh 9.08 pm to 5.18 am
Manchester 8.54 pm to 5.21 am
Penzance 8.59 pm to 5.43 am

Sun rises: 5.48 am
Sun sets: 8.11 pm
Moon rises 6.09 am
Moon sets 10.15 pm
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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

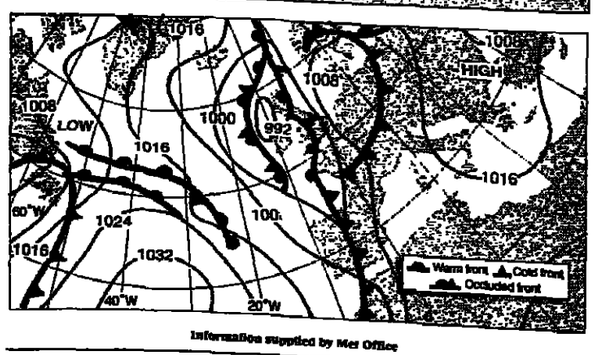
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	c	Guernsey	11	52	r
B'mgham	14	57	c	Inverness	13	55	c
Blackpool	11	52	r	Jersey	15	59	f
Bristol	13	55	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	11	52	r	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	12	54	f	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'nldsway	9	48	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.23	8.9	3.43	7.0	Liverpool	12.37	9.0	12.56	9.1
Aberdeen	2.57	4.0	3.05	4.0	Lowestoft	11.15	2.3	11.22	2.3
Avonmouth	6.52	12.7	9.05	12.8	Margate	1.25	4.6	1.48	4.6
Belfast	12.27	3.3	12.42	3.2	Milford Haven	7.53	6.7	8.07	6.7
Cardiff	6.37	11.7	8.50	11.8	Newquay	6.43	6.7	6.57	6.7
Devonport	7.29	5.2	7.45	5.3	Oban	7.24	3.8	7.27	3.8
Dover	12.20	6.4	12.36	6.3	Penzance	6.29	5.3	6.43	5.4
Falmouth	6.59	5.0	7.15	5.1	Portland	8.25	1.9	9.44	2.0
Glasgow	2.29	4.3	2.57	4.2	Portsmouth	12.33	4.6	1.04	4.5
Harwich	1.18	3.9	1.38	3.9	Shoreham	12.35	5.9	12.53	5.9
Holyhead	11.59	5.3			Southampton	12.19	4.4	12.35	4.4
Hull	7.58	7.2	8.13	7.2	Swansea	7.56	9.1	8.09	9.1
Ilfracombe	7.36	8.8	7.50	8.9	Tees	5.12	5.1	5.26	5.1
King's Lynn	8.09	6.3	8.19	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	1.12	4.1	1.32	4.1
Leith	4.14	5.1	4.24	5.2					

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US $ .....1.5477 (+0.0097)
German mark..2.4879 (+0.0228)
Exchange index.....80.7 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2681.1 (+11.5)
Dow Jones .3460.24 (+20.80)*
Nikkei Avg...19591.31 (-181.70)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank.... 6 1/16-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.82-2.81%*
Long Bond..... 6.76%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5485*	£:$	1.5490
$:DM	1.6060*	£:DM	2.4861
$:Swfr.	1.4575*	£:Swfr.	2.2577
$:Ffr	5.4230*	£:Ffr	8.3930
$:Yen	110.00*	£:Yen	170.43
£:SDR	1.0693	£:ECU	1.2720

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 337.70 ..... PM 339.30
Close 339.60-340.00
New York:
Comex 339.35-339.85*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI .....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

$2.1bn hole found in BCCI assets

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

■ Liquidators of the English side of the collapsed BCCI say the bank's assets are short by $2.13 billion in a report today to the Department of Trade and Industry

LIQUIDATORS of the English side of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International have uncovered a $2.13 billion hole in the bank's assets.

Despite 18 months of work, they have managed to realise only $647.8 million of the $3.2 billion English assets and estimate that they will be able to realise only another $424.5 million.

Touche Ross, the liquidators, estimate the hole at BCCI SA, which included the bank's English, Scottish, Isle of Man and Luxembourg operations, at $3.87 billion, having recovered just $714.2 million out of total book assets valued at $5.05 billion when the bank collapsed in July 1991.

The figures are contained in the first report to the Department of Trade and Industry of the English side of the BCCI liquidation. The biggest hole is in BCCI's loan book. The book value of the English loan book was $1.72 billion in 1991. By January 15, the liquidators had managed to realise just $297 million; they believe they will be able to recover only $314 million more. Of BCCI SA's combined $2.16 billion loan book, they had realised only $306.6 million and estimate they will recover $337.6 million more. The report says the loan book was the English liquidation's major asset. It consisted of 8,000 accounts, of which 40 per cent were loans to staff or former staff. One per cent of these accounts represented 60 per cent of the value of the loan book.

The liquidators, says the report, explored the possibility of selling the loan book to UK clearing banks, but "it became apparent at an early stage that a sale of the loan book en bloc could not be achieved". A Touche spokesman said considerable difficulties had been experienced with debtors who also claimed to be creditors of the bank, and therefore refused to repay the loans.

When BCCI collapsed, it had 600 interbank accounts and more than 70 suspense accounts open. The books showed $564.4 million was due to the English liquidators from banks. However, only $137.5 million has been raised to date.

Many banks dispute the validity of the liquidators' claims and frequently have counter-claims as creditors. The liquidators expect to be able to recover another $90 million. The report says all the bank accounts required detailed reconciliation, often with overseas banks. Reconciliation was hindered by the fact that BCCI SA was closed down with many transactions only partly completed.

Sales of property valued at $80.7 million in 1991 have realised $34.6 million and the liquidators expect to realise another $3.6 million. BCCI had trade bills of exchange worth $53.5 million, of which the liqudators have realised $4.1 million and expect to recover another $14 million. It had other assets, such as prepayments and tax repayments, of $10.7 million, of which the liquidators have recovered $8 million. They do not expect further recoveries.

The fees of the English liquidators to January 15 were $133.3 million, out of $153 million for the liquidation of BCCI SA. Legal fees for the English liquidators were $37.3 million.

Christopher Morris, one of the four liquidators, said: "The insolvency of the BCCI group is probably the largest-ever in terms of liabilities. The report covers the liquidators' expected realisations for creditors, but excludes estimates of recoveries from legal actions against BCCI's auditors and other parties, and also excludes a compensation plan negotiated with BCCI's majority shareholders, the Abu Dhabi authorities.

All the bank's 530,000 creditors worldwide are entitled to receive a copy of the report. It is available from BCCI, 100 Leadenhall Street, London. EC3A 3AD.

JOHN MANNING



Relaxed facade: Jacques Attali faced the press yesterday and announced that the reconstruction bank had accepted tighter budgetary controls

Apologetic Attali will not resign over EBRD costs

By Colin Narbrough

JACQUES Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), surfaced from a whirlwind of media interest to apologise for the level of spending on his opulent City headquarters.

But he tempered his contrition over the £55.5 million lavished on the Broadgate building by saying: "No, I am not planning to resign".

Outwardly relaxed, despite the furore over the bank's spending on itself, rather than on the countries of eastern and central Europe, M Attali said he had much to learn from his critics. He picked out the £750,000 switching of Travertine marble for Carrara stone. "With the benefit of hindsight it is clear that we should have done certain things differently. The replacement of some of the original marble clearly falls into this category," he said.

However, he also underlined that the board had already agreed new budgetary controls and that the bank had tried to achieve the best deal possible. He said the bank's second annual meeting, which starts in London today, will cost £1.7 million.

M Attali said that the dual role of his budget chief and *chef de cabinet*, Pierre Pissaloux, would be split, which may be seen in some quarters as pointing a finger of blame at his aide.

He dismissed reports that he had asked for Donald McCutchan, the Canadian director, to step down. He said he had received praise for the bank from the Canadian prime minister and support from a number of governors.

He defended the EBRD's disbursement policy and said the bank had committed, though not disbursed, 8.5 billion ecu (£6.7 billion) of its 10 billion ecu capital, and each pound of EBRD money mobilised about four times as much from other sources.

The nuclear safety fund run by the EBRD will initiate its first investment next month with aid for the Kozloduy power station Bulgaria.

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German rate cut boosts financial markets

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE Bundesbank's surprising decision to cut official interest rates yesterday gave European financial markets a much-needed fillip and went some way towards reassuring investors that, although the process of monetary easing in Germany may be slow, it remains intact.

The German central bank said it was cutting its lombard rate to 8.5 per cent from 9 per cent and its more significant discount rate to 7.25 per cent from 7.5 per cent. The cuts prompted rallies in bond and equity markets throughout Europe and slightly weakened the mark. Sterling, buoyed early in the day by the second successive monthly drop in unemployment and record figures for car production, rallied more than two pfennigs to end at DM2.4879. Its trade weighted index closed at 80.7 compared with Wednesday's close of 80.1.

The decision to cut rates sat oddly with recent remarks by members of the central Frankfurt directorate of the bank. Wednesday's announcement by Bonn of a huge upward revision in Germany's expected budget deficit this year and a larger than expected rise in M3 money supply.

Avinash Persaud, currency economist at Union Bank of Switzerland, said the rate cuts would help solve exchange-rate mechanism pressures in the near term and propel sterling towards DM2.50, within 5 per cent of the lower end of its old ERM band.

It is now likely that the Bundesbank will follow up yesterday's official rate cuts with a drive to push money market rates down further. Its key repurchase rate is now 84 basis points above the discount rate, a wider than usual margin, suggesting that further cuts in the repo rate are to come.

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Failing through a clash of cultures

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

The more appalling the facts that emerge about BCCI, the starker the clash of cultures involved in the affair stands out. More than a year ago, it had become clear that fraud and corruption had been so rife that 60 per cent of the claimed $12 billion of assets would have to be written off and most of the rest were tied up in some way. The British end of BCCI was, however, supposed to be the best part, properly regulated by the Bank of England and reckoned, at the ordinary branch level, to be competently run.

Yet the liquidators, who are not naive shrinking violets when it comes to tracing and seizing assets, have so far recovered only a fifth of the total and have little hope of taking that beyond a third. Most of the loan book has disappeared into the ether, only in part because other banks and employees, who had depositing and lending arrangements, naturally have used any reason they can think of to set the one off against the other.

Touche Ross, the liquidators, did not stand a chance. They have run up huge fees worldwide trying to understand the deliberately incomprehensible, inevitably leaving themselves open to criticism over the predictably modest results of their labours. Yet it is hard not to suspect that they might have fared better had there not been such a wide cultural gap between predominantly Asian businessmen and the average British insolvency practitioner. Exactly the same gap stymied auditors and regulators, notably the Bank of England, which Britain's Asian community damned wrongly for acting too precipitately but rightly for not being on the ball earlier. Much of the corruption at BCCI, as at Investors Overseas Services 20 years earlier, stemmed from its role as conduit for flight capital, as well as, to a lesser extent, the proceeds of crime. Apart from stupid wholesale depositors who thought higher interest did not carry much higher risk, there were also thousands of ordinary British Asian depositors who were suspicious of clearing banks and wanted bankers who understood them and their needs. Many of them have not claimed the 75 per cent of small deposits available from the Bank of England deposit-protection scheme.

Doubtless some of these have reasons for not wanting any avoidable contact with the authorities. The mutual suspicions born of cultural differences have not diminished. Despite efforts by clearing banks to improve their services to Asian business people after BCCI's collapse, many preferred Asian institutions. Three of these have now closed their doors in sequence. One was forcibly closed at the Bank of England's behest as regulator, for reasons that appear to have little to do its financial soundness.

Equatorial and Roxburghe, however, seem primarily to have been victims of deposit runs, stemming ultimately from financial turmoil in Kenya. Flight capital was again a factor, notably when it flew back. The Bank did not help, citing somewhat unconvincingly the principle that it should only intervene when failure becomes contagious. It certainly proved contagious among Asian banks. The Asian community has become more paranoid, recalling that small British banks of less than perfect merit were propped up when there was a flight to quality by local authorities and others in the wake of BCCI's failure.

The Bank certainly did not intend to show prejudice against Asian banks, whose small depositors have the same costly official protection as anyone else. Indeed, it has allowed its name to be associated approvingly with Meghraj, the best Asian bank, as having been consulted in advance about Meghraj's hopes of taking over the assets of Equatorial. Until then, however, the regulator did not seem to regard the small Asian banks as a system worthy of protection from contagious collapse.

Such misunderstandings are rife and damaging in many parts of society. Yorkshire cricket cannot seem to tap its native Asian talent which, by choice, usually remains separate. Asian chartered accountants fall foul of their institute disproportionately. Painful adjustments are needed on both sides. Since the Asian business community is the most dynamic in Britain, however, both its members and everyone else would be better off if integration moved fast in both the City and the high street.

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Increase in earnings continues to slow

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EARNINGS increases are continuing to slow across the UK economy, according to government figures published yesterday. They also show that the growth in UK wages per unit of output is at its lowest for 20 years and below the levels of west Germany and Japan.

Government ministers and Treasury officials underlined the importance to inflation of the declining rate of earnings growth and the decrease in unit wage costs.

Business leaders had feared that the competitive advantage of last autumn's sterling devaluation, which accompanied Britain's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism, would be lost through higher earnings growth. But the figures, published by the department of employment alongside the second monthly drop in unemployment, suggest that earnings growth in the UK is now below what some pay economists had seen as a 5 per cent floor.

For the whole economy, the underlying increase in average earnings in February fell a further quarter of a percentage point to 4.5 per cent. This provisional figure compares with 7.5 per cent a year ago. Although the same decrease applies across all the economic sectors measured by the figures, average earnings rises in the service sector are leading the way down. Earnings growth in the services is now 4.25 per cent, while the figure for both the production and manufacturing industries is 5 per cent.

Employment department officials discounted the effect of any bonus or overtime payments at this time of the year, and said the most likely explanation was the continuing fall in pay settlements. Both the Confederation of British Industry and independent pay analysts are recording historically low wage deals.

CBI officials stressed the competitive value to British business of low unit wage costs compared with the UK's principal economic competitors.

The employment department said yesterday that the seasonally adjusted total of wages and salaries per unit of output in manufacturing in February brought unit wage growth to its lowest since the statistical series began in 1970.

The rise in manufacturing productivity, at 7.2 per cent — the largest three-month increase since April 1987 — and the 5.1 per cent increase in manufacturing earnings for the same month led to a 2 per cent fall in unit wage costs in February compared with a year earlier, which employment department officials said was now lower than in either west Germany or Japan.

Strikes continued to be at very low levels, with 21 stoppages, involving 21,000 workers, reported in February, leading to the loss of 55,000 working days. Government statisticians accept, though, that the recent rail and coal strikes will push up the totals and break the recent run of historically low strike figures.

CBI to confirm that economy is on the mend

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Britain's chambers of commerce say a recovery is being led by a strong export performance after the pound's ejection from the ERM in September

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry are expected to endorse cautiously the view that economic recovery is under way when the CBI publishes its quarterly industrial trends survey.

The CBI will confirm finding of the latest survey from the British Chambers of Commerce, published yesterday. These show that British business believes recovery is under way — though continuing economic weaknesses could hamper its pace.

Ministers will see the findings of the bellwether CBI survey before they are published next Tuesday, and are likely to seize on them as independent and authoritative evidence that the recession is ending.

The CBI survey, widely regarded as the most accurate of the large-scale business studies published every three months by a range of industrial organisations, is expected to show improvements in both business confidence and orders. However, it is likely to paint a gloomy employment picture, despite yesterday's 26,000 fall in the official unemployment figures.

The Institute of Directors is also expected to take an optimistic view of the economy when it publishes its own quarterly survey on Monday.

The chambers said in their quarterly survey, published yesterday, that after the "false start" of a year ago, there were "clearer signs that recovery is under way and that it should prove to be sustainable in the medium term".

All the economic indicators measured in the survey of 8,800 manufacturing and service companies, largely before the Budget, showed an improvement in the first three months of the year, with demand, output and confidence all up. But the chambers said that though the economy was growing, activity was still a "long way" below pre-recession levels.

The chambers said the recovery over the past six months had largely been stimulated by strong exports after Britain's ejection from the ERM. All regions of the country reported higher export orders. The positive balance — companies recording an increase set against those registering a decline — was 20 percentage points in the case of manufacturers and 17 among service companies.

Domestic performance was less buoyant, though manufacturers turned round a negative order balance of ten percentage points in the previous quarter to a positive one of seven percentage points in the first three months of this year; services also showed a positive balance, of 12 percentage points.

Scotland, the East Midlands and Northern Ireland remain in recession, the survey showed, but growth is returning strongly to the South East. The chambers said the outlook was for sustainable improvement.

Business confidence continued to improve, too, with positive balances of 49 and 47 percentage points in manufacturing and services respectively — the highest for four years. Confidence is improving particularly strongly in the South, where recession hit hardest.

Companies are beginning to revise their investment plans upwards, the survey showed. The positive balances of nine and six percentage points for manufacturing and services were the highest for three years. But only 20 per cent of companies were working at full capacity.

Further job cuts were indicated by the survey, though the decline in employment is slowing. Companies reporting job cuts in the past three months exceeded those that did not by 15 percentage points in the case of manufacturers and 11 for service companies.

Christopher Stewart Smith, the chambers' president, said: "This is an encouraging report — the best for some time." All the signs pointed towards sustainable recovery based on exports, and led by small firms.

Building companies cautiously declared the first signs of recovery. The Federation of Master Builders, representing 19,000 construction employers, said that for the second quarter running, fewer firms were reporting declining workloads. Companies expected further workload increases over the next three months.



Unseated: Ruth Henderson, left, and Lawrence Snyder outside an Alexon shop

Alexon ejects top trio

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE three top board members at Alexon, the troubled clothing retailer that owns the Dash brand, have been ejected after pressure from institutions upset at the huge slump in the share price and last month's full-year loss and axed dividend.

Lawrence Snyder, chairman, and Ruth Henderson and Peter Ridsdale, joint chief operating officers, had been resisting shareholder attempts to unseat them while they attempted to turn the company round and relaunch the Dash range. But it appears the £986,000 losses for the year to end-January were the last straw for shareholders, coupled with debts of £21 million, or almost 80 per cent of shareholders' funds. Alexon needs to raise funds by issuing new equity and the institutions demanded the heads of most of the board in return.

Compensation has been agreed, but the new management, headed by John Sadler, former finance director of John Lewis Partnership, as non-executive chairman, refuses to disclose the figure. Sources claim it is less than the £1.5 million the three would apparently be entitled to, based on their reported salaries in the last report and accounts. John Osborn, formerly of Sears and an independent retailing consultant, is now chief executive and Patrick Cooper, former director of Goode Durrant, joins the board in a non-executive capacity. Surviving from the old team is David Cohen, finance director.

Alexon shares greeted the news with a 6p jump to 89p, despite the probability of a cash-raising exercise soon. The shares have plunged from 320p a year ago to a low of 64p in January.

Car output at 19-year high

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CAR production last month reached a 19-year high, according to figures announced yesterday by motor manufacturers.

The figures were seized upon by ministers eager for evidence of economic improvement. In the Commons, John Major cited increased car production figures along with other indications as clear signs of an upturn in business and the economy generally.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said that 144,212 vehicles came off British assembly lines last month, the highest monthly figure since 1974.

Output was 7.7 per cent above March last year, despite a downturn in European markets in the face of growing recession. Total production for the first three months of the year rose 6 per cent on the same period in 1992 to 364,420.

The high production figures reflect the impact of Japanese car companies operating in the UK, and especially of the production start-up at Toyota's new plant at Burnaston in Derbyshire, specifically cited by Mr Major yesterday. Toyota plans to produce 100,000 cars from the plant in the first year of its operation.

Car industry analysts pointed out yesterday, however, that though the car production figures might indicate an increase in manufacturers' expectations of demand, but not necessarily a rise in sales, which would have a real economic impact.

While car sales have been increasing rapidly over the last few months, motor analysts believe that manufacturers' and retailers' stock levels are high and that they are likely to be boosted by the high production achieved last month.

Mercedes and Peugeot sales fall



Depression warning: Werner Niefer, of Mercedes

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MERCEDES-BENZ, of Germany, and France's PSA Peugeot Citroën have given warnings that the European car market remains depressed, with little sign of a recovery.

Mercedes-Benz, the car-making arm of Daimler-Benz, the industrial group, said that in the first quarter of 1993 group sales dropped 24 per cent.

Werner Niefer, management board chairman, said: "The first quarter was anything but satisfactory."

Herr Niefer was confident about business in the second half of this year, although this did not indicate a clear change in the overall market trend. He said his confidence was based on a slight improvement in German incoming orders for cars since the start of this year. Mercedes would start taking orders for the new compact model in May, he added.

In the first quarter, sales in the car division fell 30 per cent and sales in the commercial vehicle division were down 16 per cent. Car deliveries were down 32 per cent, while commercial vehicle deliveries were down 22 per cent. Orders in the car division during the period were down 25 per cent to 30 per cent while commercial vehicle orders were down 20 per cent.

In Paris, PSA Peugeot Citroën said falling sales and reduced margins, along with tougher competition, hit 1992 net attributable profit, which fell 39 per cent to Fr3.4 billion from Fr5.53 billion in 1991.

Weaker demand pushed Peugeot's sales worldwide down 3.1 per cent to 2.01 million vehicles and squeezed operating margins, which fell to Fr5.88 billion (Fr10.10 billion). Production fell 0.6 per cent to 2.05 million units.

Amortisation charges, corresponding to a high level of investment, and external costs linked to marketing and distribution also weighed on operating margins; the group said.

Operating costs were little changed, down 0.3 per cent to Fr150.38 billion, as purchases fell 1 per cent, in line with the drop in production. Productivity grew nearly 12 per cent, with 6,000 jobs cut in 1992, bringing staff to 150,800.

The group continued to modernise its production facilities and update its range of products but reduced its spending on material and equipment by per cent to Fr13.78 billion.

Cash flow represented 8.8 per cent of turnover at Fr13.71 billion (Fr15.39 billion). PSA Peugeot Citroën said this was the best performance in the world car industry.

Peugeot said sales outside France rose 0.9 per cent to Fr90.04 billion and its French companies' exports grew 2.1 per cent to Fr72.68 billion.

The launch of the Citroen ZX, the Peugeot 106 and the remodeled Peugeot 405 allowed the group to increase its European market share to 12.2 per cent in 1992 from 12.1 per cent in 1991.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New stores give help to William Low profits

NEW store openings helped to boost sales at William Low, the Scottish supermarket group, with an 8.4 per cent rise in turnover to £240 million in the half year to March 20. Profits jumped 24 per cent to £10.9 million due to better margins but the company does not expect the same rise in the second half.

William Low owns 66 stores of which 10 branches are older units comprising less than 6,000 sq ft each. James Millar, the chairman, says these branches account for a rising level of costs as growing overheads are not matched by turnover. Low is responding with a programme of new and replacement stores to update the porfolio. Borrowings increased from £35 million to £50 million during the six months period, increasing gearing to 32 per cent from 23 per cent last September. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 12.01p and the interim dividend is maintained at 2.7p.

Etam profits slip

A DISAPPOINTING run-up to Christmas capped a difficult year for Etam, the womenswear retailer, and operating profits slipped to £11.8 million from £11.9 million on turnover 4 per cent higher at £221 million. But the board, facing a 34 per cent hostile shareholder, the South African retailer Oceana, is raising the final dividend to 5.25p, making a total of 6.9p (6.6p). Sir John Nott, chairman, said sales this year had started reasonably well. **Tempus, page 27**

Marine Midland boost

MARINE Midland, the American subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is continuing to recover after heavy losses two years ago, despite the effects of low American interest rates on its mortgage business. A $40 million one-off tax credit, caused by a change in American accounting rules, allowed Marine to report net income of $34 million in the first quarter ($2.6 million). Before the credit, the bank made a pre-tax loss of $5.1 million.

Salomon in red

SALOMON Inc, among the largest of the Wall Street investment banks, lost $89 million trading shares and bonds in the first three months of this year, compared with a $374 million profit for the first quarter last year. The amount lost by Salomon Brothers helped push the parent company $113 million into the red against a $331 million profit last time. The bank's total assets increased from $159 billion to $177 billion.

Austin Reed advances

AUSTIN Reed, the fashion retailer and manufacturer, announced that it was to enfranchise non-voting shares, thus unwinding one of the stock market's few remaining split-share structures. The shares jumped 31p to 138p. Pre-tax profits climbed from £810,000 to £1.22 million in the year to January 31, helped by a £790,000 reduction in interest costs. The company is paying a maintained final dividend of 3p, making a total reduced from 6p to 5p.

GPA seeks capital

GPA Group, the world's largest aircraft-leasing company, said it will continue with its plan to raise new capital after it reaches agreement with bank lenders and manufacturers to reschedule debt and aircraft orders. GPA, which has debt totalling $5.5 billion, said: "We have been encouraged by indications from some of our major shareholders of their willingness to participate in the capital raising for more than their pro rata share."

Axa profits fall

A DIFFICULT trading environment and lower level of capital gains caused Axa, the French insurance group that owns Britain's Equity & Law, to announce a one-quarter drop in net profits in the year to end-December 1992. Net income fell to Fr2 billion but last year's acquisition of Equitable, the American insurer, brought a near-doubling in premium income to Fr66.6 billion. The board is proposing a net dividend of Fr23 a share, compared with Fr22 last time.

Proudfoot profit halved

THE recession is hurting Alexander Proudfoot, the management consultant, whose pre-tax profits have been cut by half to £25.1 million in the year to December 31, with like-for-like turnover falling 6 per cent to £158 million. The company is liquidating Indevo, the Swedish consulting group, which was acquired in 1991 for £15.7 million. The total dividend is 12p (19.5p). The company's name is being changed to Proudfoot Plc.

Royal Insurance lift

ROYAL Insurance is recovering from its heavy losses, Sir John Cuckney, chairman, told the annual meeting. First-quarter results were ahead of the comparable period last year and further improvement was expected from careful underwriting and scrutiny of claims. He was confident about the dividend base. Last year Royal cut losses by £254 million to £119 million, despite record catastrophe claims in America.

BRITISH FUNDS

NEWS of the cut in German interest rates enabled government securities to reduce earlier falls.

A volatile session saw early gains eroded by publication of the latest unemployment figures. On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt touched £105$^{23}/_{32}$ before falling sharply around mid-morning to touch £104½. The surprise cut in German rates enabled it to claw back some of the loss to end £¼ lower at £105$^{3}/_{16}$. There was further demand for the new stock Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 'A' which was trading on a when issued basis. Elsewhere in the cash market prices were left to drift lower. At the short end, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 fell seven ticks to £110$^{1}/_{16}$ while in longs Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell a similar amount to £105$^{5}/_{32}$.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¹⁄₁₆	101¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 12¼% 1993	101¹⁵⁄₁₆	....	12.31	5.77
100¹	99¹⁵⁄₁₆	Fund 6% 1993	100¹⁵⁄₁₆	....	6.00	5.74
106¹⁵⁄₁₆	104¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 13¼% 1993	104¹³⁄₃₂	- ¹⁄₁₆	13.17	5.94
102¹³⁄₁₆	101¹⁄₂	Treas 8½% 1994	101¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₁₆	8.34	6.00
108¹⁵⁄₁₆	106¹⁄₂	Treas 14¼% 1994	106¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	13.56	6.02
109¹³⁄₁₆	107¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 13½% 1994	102¹³⁄₃₂ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	12.59	6.07
105¹³⁄₁₆	104¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 1994	104¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₁₆	9.61	6.16
110¹⁵⁄₁₆	107¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 12½% 1994	107¹³⁄₁₆	- ³⁄₁₆	11.60	6.29
105¹³⁄₁₆	103¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 9% 1994	103¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	8.67	6.37
111¹³⁄₁₆	108¹⁄₂	Treas 12% 1995	108¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.02	6.51
98¹⁄₂	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96 †	- ¹⁄₁₆	3.13	5.24
109¹⁄₂	107¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 10½% 1995	107¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	9.84	6.39
116¹⁄₂	113¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 12½% 1995	114 †	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.18	6.68
120¹⁄₂	117¹⁄₂	Treas 14% 1996	117¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.91	6.84
125¹⁄₂	122¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 15½% 1996	122¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₂	12.47	6.94
120¹⁵⁄₁₆	116¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 13½% 1996	117¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.32	6.95
111¹⁄₂	109	Conv 10% 1996	109¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	9.13	6.90
122¹⁄₂	119¹⁄₂	Treas 13½% 1997	119¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.06	7.12
113¹⁄₂	110¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 10½% 1997	111¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	9.43	7.04
109¹⁵⁄₁₆	105¹⁄₂	Treas 8½% 1997	106¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₁₆	8.23	7.01
132¹⁵⁄₁₆	128¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 15% 1997	129¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.62	7.29
112¹⁄₂	109¹⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 9½% 1998	110	- ¹⁄₂	8.86	7.20
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103¹⁄₂	99¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	7.19	7.01
101	97¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 6½% 1995-98	99¹⁵⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₂	6.81	6.93
138¹⁵⁄₁₆	134¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 15½% 1998	135¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.47	7.49
122¹⁄₂	118¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 12% 1998	119¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	10.04	7.61
112¹⁄₂	108¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 9½% 1999	109¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.68	7.43
124¹³⁄₁₆	120¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 12½% 1999	121¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	10.08	7.65
117¹³⁄₁₆	113¹⁄₂	Treas 10½% 1999	114¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₂	9.19	7.52
117¹³⁄₁₆	112¹³⁄₁₆	Conv 10½% 1999	113¹⁄₂ †	- ¹⁄₂	9.01	7.54
110¹³⁄₁₆	106	Conv 9% 2000	109¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.35	7.49
131	125¹⁄₂	Treas 13% 2000	129¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	10.39	7.90
115¹⁵⁄₁₆	109¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 2001	112¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.91	7.85
129¹⁄₂	125¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 14% 1998-01	126¹⁵⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₁₆	11.09	7.64
144¹³⁄₁₆	108¹⁄₂	Treas 9¼% 2002	111¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₁₆	8.76	7.99
103¹³⁄₁₆	97¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 8% 2003	100¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₁₆	7.96	7.93
116¹⁄₂	109¹⁄₂	Treas 10% 2003	113¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.84	8.08
LONGS (over 15 years)						
108¹³⁄₁₆	101¹⁄₂	Treas 9% 2008	105¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₂	8.51	8.51
99¹⁄₂	92¹⁄₂	Treas 8% 2009	97¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.23	8.39
108¹⁵⁄₁₆	100¹⁄₂	Conv 9% 2011	105¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.56	8.43
108¹⁵⁄₁₆	103¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 9% 2012	105¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.56	8.44
76¹³⁄₁₆	70¹⁄₂	Treas 5% 2008-12	74¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	7.37	8.10
97¹³⁄₁₆	89¹⁄₂	Treas 7½% 2012-15	93¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.26	8.36
135¹⁵⁄₁₆	125¹³⁄₁₆	Exch 12% 2013-17	131¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	9.10	8.64
105¹³⁄₁₆	97¹⁄₂	Treas 8% 2017	102¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.54	8.49
UNDATED						
46¹⁄₂	43¹⁄₂	Consols 4%	46¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.56	....
42¹⁄₂	38¹⁄₂	War Ln 3½%	40¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.59	....
63	60¹⁄₂	Conv 3½%	62¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	5.64	....
31½	28¹⁄₂	Consols 2½%	30¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	8.18	....
30¹⁄₂	27¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 2½%	29¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	8.57	....
INDEX-LINKED						
133¹⁄₂	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	133¹⁄₂ †	- ¹⁄₂	....	0.98
109¹³⁄₁₆	105¹⁄₂	Treas IL 2% 1996	106½	- ¹⁄₂	1.70	2.51
166¹⁄₂	150	Treas IL 2½% 1998	108¹³⁄₁₆ †	- ¹⁄₂	2.19	2.81
163¹³⁄₁₆	155	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165¹⁄₂	- ¹⁄₂	2.72	3.08
111¹⁄₂	105¹⁄₂	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162¹⁄₂ †	- ¹⁄₂	2.85	3.16
170¹⁄₂	159¹⁄₂	Treas IL 4½% 2004	110 †	- ¹⁄₂	3.01	3.30
156¹⁄₂	144	Treas IL 2½% 2006	169¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	3.01	3.25
159¹⁄₂	148¹⁄₂	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151½ †	- ¹⁄₂	3.34	3.45
131½	123¹³⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157½	- ¹⁄₂	3.30	3.49
139¹⁄₂	130¹³⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	3.38	3.55
133¹⁄₂	124¹³⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	3.41	3.60
111½	102¹⁄₂	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131½	- ¹⁄₂	3.50	3.64
111¹⁵⁄₁₆	103½	Treas IL 4½% 2024	108¹³⁄₁₆	- ¹⁄₂	3.54	3.67
		Treas IL 4½% 2030	109¾	- ¹⁄₂	3.55	3.68

Stock Exchange to contract out Topic system

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

The Stock Exchange is urgently working to find a technical solution to the computerisation of share transactions after the Taurus debacle

THE London Stock Exchange is to contract out the running of its Topic company news and share price system to ICV, the financial information supplier, and Telekurs, the Swiss financial services group.

The decision was taken by the Stock Exchange board yesterday during a six-hour meeting that also reviewed the exchange'sfuture in the wake of the decision to stop work on the Taurus project to computerise the settlement of share transactions.

In a statement released after the meeting, the exchange said: "For the time being it will continue to supply settlement services. In the longer run, it would ensure that its markets continue to be supported by adequate settlement facilities. The degree to which the exchange would itself be involved in providing them was a matter for discussion in the light of the work of the Bank of England Task Force."

The task force is due to report at the end of June. The exchange statement added that its board would "invest in and operate the market support infrastructure to replace existing systems. The exchange is urgently working to find the right technical solution".

The exchange said in future it would concentrate wholly on its core activities of organising the British and Seaq international markets and continue to monitor companies for listing.

Yesterday's decision to contract out Topic comes as Reuters is making heavy inroads into the market for supplying share prices and company news. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman, said: "With the benefit of hindsight it would have been better to have arrived at this decision six months ago." He added that, had it not been for a "false start", the decision may have been announced "some considerable time ago".

Sir Andrew said that ICV and Telekurs would be "licensed to provide a service branded as Topic", adding that the agreement would run for five years. He said the exchange would receive less revenue but would have lower costs. There will be no redundancies as a result of the collaboration. The exchange added that the bulk of costs were computers not people.

Telekurs already collects and disseminates data from around the world and also operates the Swiss bank clearing system, the Eurocard system and ATM network.ICV already supplies a news service on Topic. Its terminal will continue to use a keypad rather than a full-size keyboard but is expected to allow better access to all the Topic information.

Telekurs will provide full Stock Exchange information in addition to international securities. Both ICV and Telekurs will provide information for Topicline, which feeds the Topic system directly into customers' own terminals. Telekurs opened in Britain in 1986 and is investing in satellite distribution of the information it collects from 60 European, 55 American and 27 Pacific stock exchanges. It also collects data on commodities, futures and options. It had world sales in 1992 of £160 million and employed 1,300.

The board meeting also agreed to look at licensing in part of the American Nasdaq computer system as a way of modernising its own trading systems more cheaply than developing its own systems further. The matter will be considered at the next board meeting at the end of May.

Austen joins Liberty as top job is split

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LIBERTY, the prestige retailer, has bowed to City opinion and split its top job, recruiting Patrick Austen, head of BTR's consumer products group, as chief executive.

Mr Austen joined BTR as managing director of its Pretty Polly tights operation ten years ago. Two non-executive directors were also appointed last month.

A ginger group had been pushing for Harry Weblin, chairman and currently chief executive, to split the roles, and for the appointment of non-executives.

The decision to bring in an outsider, coming the same day as Austin Reed, another retailer, announced plans to abandon its split-share structure, prompted hopes that Liberty's non-voting shareholders might be enfranchised, which was a third demand made during battles with the board by Brian Myerson, whose Concerto Capital Corporation holds 15.5 per cent of the votes. Liberty's non-voting shares jumped 48p to 358p, while the voting stock gained 75p to 655p.

John Pugh, the finance director, said: "There are no present plans to enfrachise shareholders ... That's not to say we won't be looking at it in a couple of months' time."

For the year to end-January, Liberty pre-tax profits fell £2 million to £3.66 million. A final dividend of 5.35p makes a maintained 7.2p payment.



At Liberty to share: Patrick Austen, left, chief executive, and Harry Weblin, chairman

Walls to be executive chairman at Fisher

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

STEPHEN Walls is to become executive chairman of Albert Fisher, the food group. He was brought in during 1991 as a non-executive director by Tony Millar, then chairman, and became non-executive chairman when Mr Millar left in July 1992.

Mr Walls shot to City prominence when he was drafted in by Plessey to help the defence against GEC in 1989. After the defence failed, he went to Wiggins Teape Appleton. Prior to Plessey he spent 12 years at Chesebrough Pond's, the American consumer products group taken over by Unilever.

He said yesterday he saw no need to appoint a chief executive. FRS3 pre-tax profit rose from £16.6 million to £25 million but trading profit fell from £31 million to £25 million. Sales fell from £608 million to £599 million for the six months to end February.

Earnings rise from 1.19p to 2.66p from which a held 1.85p dividend will be paid. Shareholders' funds fell from £230 to £199 million on goodwill writeoffs. The company says between £2 million and £4 million of the controversial earnout payments remain. Mr Walls said: "We have yet to see any significant impact of an upturn in the British economy on our markets, with continuing pressures on margins." The group also announced the sale of Grossman Paper Inc to Bunzl for $10 million.

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Rising loss forces Wembley to forgo its final dividend

BY CARL MORTISHED

WEMBLEY, owner of the sports stadium and entertainment complex, is passing its final dividend after pre-tax losses for 1992 rose to £12 million (£8.3 million). The deficit comes after exceptional costs of £13.4 million relating to restructuring and refinancing and a £5.3 million subletting rental shortfall.

Wembley has revealed that the mystery shareholder acquiring a 10.2 per cent stake from the troubled United Dutch Group is Rolaco Holdings, a private investment company controlled by a leading Saudi Arabian family. Abdul Aziz Al-Sulaiman, the chairman, is the son of a former Saudi finance minister. Rolaco has major stakes in leisure and hotel companies.

Sir Brian Wolfson, Wembley chairman, said revenue from sports events held up while pop concerts were weaker. "The environment is diabolical but we are back in profit," he said. Operating profit increased to £15.8 million (£15 million), mainly due to an increase in event days from 32 to 41 which helped boost stadium profits to £6 million (£4 million). But the arena staged fewer events and attendance and spend per head were down.

Trading profit from the dog tracks was down to £5.4 million (£7.9 million) but Wembley's catering business increased its contribution to £6.6 million (£5.3 million).

Sir Brian wants to refocus the business on core activities: the Wembley complex, the UK greyhound stadia and stadium management contracts. The latter activity doubled trading profits to £1 million and Sir Brian expects the new contract to run the 40,000-seat Hong Kong stadium to lead to other Asian deals.

Last year's rights issue and the disposal of the bingo clubs and Guild film distribution business helped to reduce Wembley's borrowings from £175 million to just over £130 million. Net assets are reported to be £176 million based on a December 1990 valuation of the stadia and other fixed assets of £300 million.

Wembley has also taken a loss of £21 million below the line on the goodwill of businesses sold last year. The goodwill was previously written off balance sheet reserves and has been written back in line with new rules.

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Brittan beaten over steel

FROM TOM WALKER
IN STRASBOURG

SIR Leon Brittan, EC trade commissioner, has lost a six-month wrangle with his industry colleague Martin Bangemann on the levels of Czech and Slovak steel entering the European Community.

Lobbied by big German steelmakers such as Thyssen, Herr Bangemann wanted overall imports of Czech and Slovak steel to rise by only about 20 per cent from their 1992 levels. Sir Leon wanted quotas to rise by about 35 per cent to aid eastern Europe's recovery.

The Commission has quietly announced small increases in the quotas, avoiding all mention of 1992, when large quantities of steel came on to the EC market. Instead 1991 has become the base year.

Trade compromise wins praise in US

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE compromise reached by EC and US trade negotiators in the dispute over government procurement contracts has been widely praised in America, for averting a tit-for-tat trade war and for refocusing attention on the stalled Uruguay Round of trade talks.

On Wednesday, Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, and Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's trade commissioner, agreed to remove restrictions in their respective $20 billion government procurement markets for heavy electrical equipment.

The two sides failed, however, to reach agreement on European public procurement restrictions in telecommunications equipment. The US is preparing a list of trade sanctions, but Wednesday's partial agreement means this will be significantly reduced. US trade experts estimate that it will affect bidding opportunities for US telecommunications procurement worth $20 billion to $25 billion.

Kim Elliott, a trade expert at the Institute for International Economics, in Washington, said remaining sanctions were "basically symbolic", as both sides were "backing off confrontation" and shifting emphasis to the Gatt talks.

Sir Leon said, before Wednesday's deal, that the benefits of a world trade agreement would far outweigh the negative impact of a relatively small bilateral dispute.

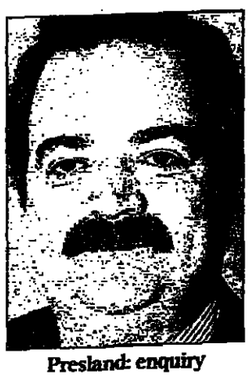
The Clinton administration has complained that article 29 of the EC's utility directive gives EC companies a bidding advantage, while in the US, telecommunications providers are in the private sector and not subject to such government controls.

Heath issues loss warning

CE HEATH, the listed insurance broker, warned shareholders that it had made a net loss in the year to March 31. The group has started legal action against two Lloyd's of London brokers to try to recover £44 million of insurance losses.

The post-tax loss follows Heath's decision to make an £18.6 million exceptional provision for a further deterioration in the run-off of the discontinued aviation underwriting account in Australia. Last year, the group provided £12.4 million for the account.

Peter Presland, chief executive, said an enquiry into the deterioration had triggered the legal action against the brokers, one of which is quoted, for alleged breach of fiduciary duty, breach of the Australian Trade Practices Act and negligence.



Presland: enquiry

The 1992 results will also show a £5 million exceptional charge to cover rationalisation costs, £1.5 million of which is to cover future rental costs on empty office space. Redundancy and closure costs make up the balance.

Offsetting a small part of the exceptional charges is a £5.6 million exceptional credit. This relates to the group's legal action against Australia's Accident Compensation Commission. Following an appeal court ruling last November, the broker has increased the amount of expected recoveries by £5.6 million, to £36.5 million.

The net loss results from the group's decision not to account for a potential tax credit arising from the £18.6 million provision.

Despite the loss, the group expects to pay a final dividend of 11p, a level indicated at the interim stage.

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Canary banks may lend £200m

CANARY WHARF'S bankers are working on a £600 million funding package for the new company which will run the office project, after the European Investment Bank's decision to put up £98 million to fund the Jubilee Line Tube extension.

The EIB's investment needs to be backed by a further £300 million over 25 years. The banking syndicate proposes to put up £200 million to fund the management and fitting out of the buildings.

Kalon buoyant

Kalon, the paints manufacturer, is making increased profits, Roger Boissier, chairman, told the annual meeting. Sales in the UK and French markets in this year's first quarter were "comfortably ahead" of 1992. Recent acquisitions would make "significant contributions" to results. Last month Kalon announced a 15 per cent jump in pre-tax profits for 1992 to £10.6 million (£9.2 million).

Brasway buys

Brasway, the engineering group, has made a £2.6 million acquisition.. The West Midlands group is buying Winster Hose, which makes hydraulic hoses, and couplings. Brasway said trading in the last six months had been "extremely difficult" . The shares stayed at 16p.

Sun chairman

Henry Lambert will retire as non-executive chairman of insurer Sun Alliance after the annual meeting on May 19. He will be succeeded by his deputy, Sir Christopher Benson.

STOCK MARKET

Bundesbank and Dow lift spirits

AN UNEXPECTED cut in German interest rates and a strong rally in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street, after an opening fall, enabled share prices in London to extend this week's gains.

The FT-SE 100 index ended near its best of the day with a rise of 11.5 at 2,881.1 as turnover grew to 703 million shares. Good news on the economic front after another drop in unemployment last month and some better than expected unit wage costs combined with persistent takeover talk to drive prices higher.

It may have been a day of good news for investors, but hard-pressed market-makers were clearly starting to feel the strain. They are short of stock of many top companies and this has resulted in some exaggerated price movements. They even found themselves being wrong-footed for some minutes by news agencies which indicated German interest rates had been pegged.

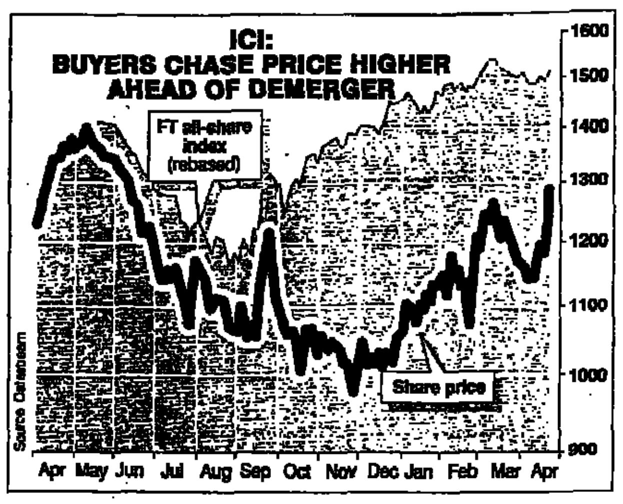
Among the leaders **Grand Metropolitan** climbed 9p to 429p helped by a recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker.

Speculative buying was good for the main takeover targets. **Blue Circle Industries** rose 8p to 246p, with **Allied-Lyons** also being chased 9p higher at 575p and **Lucas Industries** 3p better at 137p. Even **TSB Group** finished 3p firmer at 192p, although this partly reflected talk of a profit upgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Investors on both sides of the Atlantic were pursuing ICI sharply higher after confirmation that the proposed demerger of its bio-sciences operations was on target for June 1.



Barnes: bright future



Earlier this week, ICI launched its pathfinder prospectus and painted a bright future for Zeneca, as the bio-sciences operations headed by David Barnes will be known.

BRITISH Gas rose 7½p to 311p. James Capel, the broker, has changed its recommendation from a strong hold to a buy. It says downside in the shares is minimal between now and publication of the monopolies commission's findings in the autumn.

The group has three new drugs on the market which will provide strong earnings growth long-term. ICI finished the session 52p higher at £12.88 as almost 6 million shares changed hands.

Alexon, the clothing retailer, recovered an early 8p fall to finish the day 6p dearer at 89p as news of the boardroom reshuffle filtered through. Lawrence Snyder, the chairman, has resigned with fellow directors Ruth Henderson and Peter Risdale. They will be replaced by John Sadler, the former John Lewis finance director, John Osborn, ex-British Shoe managing director, and Patrick Cooper.

The company said the move had been made by the board after recent events and confirmed that compensation packages had been agreed. Last month Alexon revealed pre-tax losses of £1 million and cancelled the dividend.

Amber Day, which returned to the black with half-year figures on Wednesday, added a further 6p to 85p. Dealers reported an agency cross of 9.25 million shares, or 7.6 per cent of the company, going through the market.

The shares belonged to Philip Green, the former chairman and chief executive, who resigned from the company earlier this year. He no longer has a notifiable interest in the company.

Also in the retailing sector, **Austin Reed A** jumped 27p to 134p with the ordinary 42p higher at 230p. The group is to enfranchise the non-voting A with the ordinary leading to suggestions that it may be considering a rights issue. At the moment, less than 10 per cent of shareholders in the company are allowed to vote.

Last year Austin Reed saw pre-tax profits climb from £800,000 to £1.2 million despite a first half deficit of £400,000.

Investors will now be hoping that **Great Universal Stores** will follow Austin Reed's lead and enfranchise its two-tier share structure. There has been much talk on the subject in recent years but the group has, so far, resisted such calls. The ordinary ended 57p up at £28.40 while the A was 21p ahead at £16.75.

Asda, the supermarket chain, firmed 1p to 69½p, helped by a buy recommendation from Shaw & Co, the broker. The shares have outperformed the rest of the food retailers since they were reintroduced as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index.

Etam marked time last year with pre-tax profits only marginally ahead at £10.9 million. But a confident statement from Sir John Nott, the chairman, about current trading prospects lifted the shares 8p to 226p.

Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor under new management control, slipped 1p to 70p after announcing a fall in first half operating profits. The group blamed falling fresh food prices for the setback. Stephen Walls, the former head of Wiggins Teape Appleton, is taking on the role of executive chairman. He became non-executive chairman after the departure of Tony Millar last July.

Savage Group, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, jumped 19p to 68p after confirming recent speculation that it has received a bid approach. **Kalon**, the paints group, jumped 8½p to 164½p helped by a cheerful statement on current prospects at the annual meeting.

Shareholders were told that trading was buoyant with sales in Britain and France during the first quarter comfortably ahead of 1992. High volume is offsetting pressure on margins.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Morland	480p (+20p)
Sanderson Elec	308p (+25p)
Austin Reed	235p (+47p)
Ulster TV	363p (+13p)
Sappi	416p (+48p)
FALLS:	
CE Heath	313p (-12p)
BAT	869p (-11p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglo Utd Wts	½	...
Brown (D) (170)	214	-1
David Lloyd Leisure	173	...
Fleming Emerging Mkts	105	+1½
Frgn & Col US Smler Co	102	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	143	+1
Holliday Chemical (195)	215	+1
Pilot Invstmnt Tst	97½	...
Pilot Invstmnt Wts	27	...

WALL STREET

New York — After a lacklustre opening, the Dow Jones industrial average slid 9 points to 3,431 in early trading.

□ **Tokyo** — Early gains were shed as the yen firmed. The Nikkei average fell 181.7 points to 19,591.31.

□ **Frankfurt** — The market closed almost unchanged with institutions sidelined. The 30-share Dax index closed at 1,666.74, down 0.13.

□ **Sydney** — Shares regained the 1,700 level as banks continued to interest. The all-ordinaries index was up 11.5 points at 1705.4. *(Reuter)*

	Apr 22 midday	Apr 21 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	71	71
Abbott Labs	26	27
Aetna Life	52	52
Ahmanson (HF)	18	17
Air Prod & Chem	44	42
Albertson's	55	55
Alcan Aluminm	18	19
Alco Standard	45	45
Allied Signal	66	66
Alum Co of Am	65	65
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	53	53
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	30	31
Amer Home Pr	66	66
Amer Intl	126	126
Amer Stores	40	40
Amer T & T	58	57
Ameritech	77	78
Amoco	55	56
Anheuser-Busch	50	50
Apple Computer	49	49
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	9	9
Armco	6	7
Armstrng Wrld	33	33
Asarco	20	20
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	124	126
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	57	56
Baker Hughes	26	25
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	56	56
BankAmerica	49	49
Bank of NY	56	56
Bankers Tr NY	73	74
Barnett Banks	44	44
Bausch & Lomb	49	49
Baxter Intl	30	30
Becton Dickinsn	34	34
Bell Atlantic	53	54
BellSouth	55	55
Black & Decker	17	17
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	37	37
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	25	25
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	60
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	55	56
CBS	240	240
CNA Financial	100	98
CPC Intl	41	42
CSX	74	73
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	541	536
Cptl Holdings	80	80
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	66	62
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	33	32
Chemical Bk	40	39
Chevron Corp	82	82
Chrysler	40	39
Chubb Corp	89	92
Cigna Corp	62	62
Citicorp	28	28
Clorox	48	48
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate-Palmolive	59	59
Columbia Gas	23	22
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	50	49
Comp Ass Int	23	23
Conagra	24	24
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	49	49
Cons Rail	53	57
Cooper Inds	48	48
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	49	48
Dayton Hudson	75	74
Deere	57	56
Delta Air Lines	58	59
Deluxe Corp	46	46
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	43	44
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	40	40
Dominion Res	44	44
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	48	48
Dow Chemicals	55	52
Dow Jones	31	30
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	40	40
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
Du Pont	53	51
Eastman Kodak	55	55
Eaton Corp	89	90
Emerson Elec	58	58
Engelhard Corp	35	35
Enron Corp	57	55
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	29	28
Exxon	66	66
FMC Corp	45	45
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	52	52
Fed Nat Mtge	57	[illegible]
First Chicago	40	39
First Interstate	57	56
First Union Rlty	12	11
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	42	42
Ford Motor	57	52
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	36	39
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	97	97
Gen Electric	93	92
Gen Mills	66	66
Gen Motors	39	38
Gen Reinsurance	120	118
Gen Signal	61	62
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	69	66
Gillette	49	49
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	48	47
Goodyear Tire	76	76
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31	30
Great Wstn Fin	17	16
Halliburton	38	35
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	74	75
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	75	74
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake	14	13
Honeywell	33	32
Household Intl	71	71
Houston Inds	47	46
Humana	8	9
ITT Corp	82	81
Illinois Tool	76	74
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	30
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	101	102
IBM	48	49
Intl Flav & Fr	112	112
Intl Paper	66	66
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41	42
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	59	58
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	48	48
Knight-Ridder	56	57
Lilly (Eli)	47	48
Limited Inc	23	23
LIN Brdcstng	82	82
Lincoln Nat	80	80
Litton	58	57
Liz Claiborne	35	34
Lockheed Corp	63	63
Louisiana Pac	76	76
MCI Commun	49	47
Marriott	24	25
Marsh & McLnn	92	92
Martin Marietta	74	74
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	71	71
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	37	36
McDonalds	47	47
McDonnell D	61	61
McGraw Hill	62	62
Mead Corp	47	46
Medtronic	64	64
Mellon Bk	58	57
Melville Corp	45	45
Merck Inc	36	36
Merrill Lynch	73	73
Minnesota Mine	115	114
Mobil Corp	69	68
Monsanto	55	54
Morgan (JP)	70	69
Motorola Inc	73	72
Natl Medical	7	8
Natl Semi	13	13
Natl Service Ind	26	25
Navistar Intl	2	2
NBD Bancorp	34	33
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	42	41
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	72	72
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	29	29
Norfolk Sthrn	65	64
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	31	30
Nynex Corp	87	87
Occidental Pet	22	21
Ohio Edison	25	25
Oracle Systems	34	37
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
PNC Financial	34	33
PPG Industries	73	73
Paccar Inc	68	65
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	48	49
Pall Corp	19	[illegible]
Panhandle Eas	21	21
Paramnt Comm	51	51
Parker Hannifin	30	30
Penney (JC)	83	83
Pennzoil	60	61
Pepsico	37	37
Pfizer	65	66
Phelps Dodge	45	44
Philadel Elec	30	30
Philip Morris	48	48
Phillips Pet	29	28
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	32	32
Price Co	29	28
Primerica	45	45
Procter & Gmbl	47	47
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	63	63
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	40	40
Raytheon	58	57
Reebok Intl	35	34
Reynolds Metals	45	46
Roadway Srvcs	60	60
Rockwell Intl	33	33
Rohm & Haas	61	61
Royal Dutch	89	89
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	62	63
St Paul's Cos	80	80
Salomon Inc	37	37
Santa Fe S Pac	15	15
Sara Lee Corp	24	24
Secorp	48	48
Schering Plough	64	64
Schlumberger	63	63
Scott Paper	34	34
Seagram	28	27
Sears Roebuck	54	54
Shell Trans	54	54
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	35	34
Southern Co	43	43
Sthwestern Bell	79	79
Sprint Corp	32	32
Stanley Works	46	46
Sun Company	24	23
Suntrust	45	44
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	24	23
TRW Inc	67	66
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	29	28
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	45	44
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	63	62
Texas Inst	56	56
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	48	47
Time Warner	33	33
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	30	29
Torchmark	53	56
Toys R Us	38	37
Transamerica	51	50
Travelers Corp	29	29
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	43	43
UAL Corp	148	149
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	115	116
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	20	19
Union Pacific	62	62
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	23	24
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	37	37
US West	43	44
United Tech	48	48
Unocal Corp	30	30
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	49	49
Wal-Mart Stores	27	26
Warner-Lambert	72	73
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	33
Wells Fargo	114	113
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	45	45
Whirlpool	54	54
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	57	55
Woolworth	30	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31	31
Xerox	79	79

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LEGAL NOTICES

Big Bizz Records Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the liquidator of the above-named company intends making a distribution to creditors. The creditors of the company are required, on or before 15th May 1993 to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned Ian Franses of 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP the liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the intended distribution mentioned above or any other distribution declared before his debt is proved.
Date: 19th April 1993.
I FRANSES, Liquidator.

BOLIDEN ORE & METALS SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 81 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP on the 29 April 1993 at 11.00 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 81 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, the registered office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on the 28 April 1993.
A list of names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection by creditors at 81 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 27 & 28 April 1993.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it was assessed.
Dated 16.4.93
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Curt G Jarnfeldt, Director.

Calmcraft Limited
Passed · 7 April 1993
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the above named company, duly convened and held at Chamberlains, Britannia House on 7 April 1993 the following resolutions were duly passed, No 1 as an extraordinary resolution and No.2 as an ordinary resolution:-
1. "That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."
2. "That Colin Michael Haig, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Neville Russell of 1 Telford Way, Luton, Beds LU1 1HT and Andrew Menzies, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Robson Rhodes, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UU be appointed Joint Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up".
3. At a subsequent meeting of creditors the resolution was confirmed
R Cubitt
Chairman of both meetings
Director

FORMTREND LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the liquidator of the above named company intends making a distribution to creditors. The creditors of the company are required, on or before 15th May 1993 to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned Ian Franses of 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP the liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the intended distribution mentioned above or any other distribution declared before his debt is proved
Date 19th April 1993
I FRANSES, Liquidator.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
INARIVE GROUP UK LIMITED
Registered number 637417. Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 7.38). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 15 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: N J Hamilton and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 2090 & 5196). Addresses: Ernst & Young Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU Ernst & Young 17 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6LT

GLOBAL ASSOCIATED (GB) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Halpern Woolf & Partners, Halpern House, 301-305 Euston Road, London, NW1 3SS on Wednesday 28th April 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Halpern Woolf & Partners, Insolvency Practitioners, Halpern House, 301-305, Euston Road, London, NW1 3SS on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting
Dated this 6th day of April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A. Sacner, Chairman

HAMPTON NORTH SEA (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
Company Number: 1775136
HAMPTON NORTH SEA LTD.
Company Number: 1775137.
(BOTH IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES
On 8 April 1993 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at the above address by 17 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
19 April 1993
Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim Liquidator

HAMPTON AREAS LIMITED
Company Number: 1148269.
HAMPTON COAL COMPANY LIMITED
Company Number: 82049.
(BOTH IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 26 March 1993 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 17 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full
19 April 1993
Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GOUGH HARLEY ELECTRICAL LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 400 Capability Green, Luton on 27 April 1993 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:
(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receiver by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at 400 Capability Green, Luton, LU1 3LU.
(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
Date 20 April 1993
C K Rayment
Joint Administrative Receiver

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HARLEY GROUP LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 400 Capability Green, Luton on 27 April 1993 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following.
(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receiver by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at 400 Capability Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3LU.
(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
Date: 20 April 1993
C K Rayment
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of AMSTERDAM DIAMONDS (LONDON) LIMITED
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, We, N J Miller & A R Price of Casson Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BJ, give notice that on 8 April 1993 were appointed Joint Liquidators of AMSTERDAM DIAMONDS (LONDON) LIMITED by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 17 May 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned N J Miller & A R Price of Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BJ, the Joint Liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 14 April 1993
N J Miller & A R Price
Joint Liquidators

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
FUTUREMINSTER LIMITED
Registered number: 1667985. Nature of business: Property Company. Trade classification: 7(38). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 15 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: N J Hamilton and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 2090 & 5196). Addresses: Ernst & Young Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU. Ernst & Young 17 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6LT.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
DONNINGFORD LIMITED
Registered number: 1483223. Nature of business: Property Company. Trade classification: 7(38). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 15 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers, N J Hamilton and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 2090 & 5196). Addresses: Ernst & Young Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU. Ernst & Young 17 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6LT.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
NEWTONSTORE LIMITED
Registered number: 1700157. Nature of business: Hotel Owning Company. Trade classification: 9(47). Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 15 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: N J Hamilton and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 2090 & 5196). Addresses: Ernst & Young Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU. Ernst & Young 17 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6LT

Olney Amsden & Sons Limited
NOTICE is hereby given that we, Ladislav Hornan and Frank Stansil of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Olney Amsden & Sons Limited on 14th April 1993 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 8th October 1992 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company
18th April 1993
Ladislav Hornan
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Barkstone Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 7 April 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given
Dated 19 April 1993
M Cohen, Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Church Pastoral Aid Society
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DOY-244700-CD/Ldn31.

COMPANY NOTICES

GERMAN CITY ESTATES N.V. ESTABLISHED AT AMSTERDAM

Notice of the annual general meeting of shareholders of German City Estates N.V. to be held on Tuesday 11th May 1993 at 14.00 h. at the Hotel de l'Europe, Nieuwe Doelenstraat 2-8, Amsterdam.

Holders of bearer shares as well as usufructuaries having the right to vote, who wish to attend the meeting, are required to deposit their proof of ownership at Internationale Nederlanden Bank N.V., De Amsterdamse Poort, Bijlmerplein 888, Amsterdam, at H. Wesselius & Co B.V., Nieuwe Doelenstraat 10, Amsterdam or at the office of the Company, Concertgebouwplein 11, Amsterdam, not later than 3rd May 1993.

Shareholders who wish to be represented by power of attorney are required to deposit a written power of attorney at the office of the Company or with the banks mentioned above, not later than 3rd May 1993.

The agenda for the meeting and copies of the 1992 annual report and accounts are available and can be obtained free of charge as of to-day by shareholders and others entitled to attend the meeting at the office of the Company or at the banks mentioned above.

Amsterdam, 23rd April 1993
The Board of Directors

PUBLIC NOTICES

AMP

NOTICE OF MEETING

Australian Mutual Provident Society (including the London Life Fund)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the United Kingdom members of the Australian Mutual Provident Society (AMP) will be held at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, 30 Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AY (near Bank underground station) at 11.00 am on Tuesday 18 May 1993.

1) To discuss the report on AMP's United Kingdom operations for the year ended 31 December 1992.
2) To discuss the report on London Life's operations for the year ended 31 December 1992.
3) To note that Messrs J S Sadler and C S S Lyon will retire by rotation as at 1 July 1993 as members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life, and have indicated to the Principal Board that they are prepared to be reappointed. (See note 5).

By order of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life.
C O B Meade-King
Secretary
16 March 1993

London Life
Head Office: 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA

A M P
Financial Adviser Unit
The Pearl Centre
Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY

Notes
1) This meeting has been convened in accordance with the scheme sanctioned by the High Court under section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 on 21 February 1989.
2) Membership: Under AMP's By-laws all policyholders, including holders of policies issued by The London Life Association Limited, other than chargees, are members of AMP. Policies issued by any subsidiary of AMP Society, including those acquired by virtue of the London Life merger, do not confer membership. UK members comprise only persons who are members by virtue of the issue of:-
(a) a policy written by The London Life Association Limited or written by AMP under the London Life Fund;
(b) other policies in the AMP No. 1 Fund which are on the UK register.
3) UK members will be invited at the meeting to ask questions concerning the matters to be discussed, but no formal resolutions will be proposed or votes taken.
4) Copies of the report and accounts for the AMP Society, a report on the London Life Fund and on AMP's United Kingdom operation for 1992 may be collected from the addresses stated above or will be forwarded upon application to the Secretary, 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA.
5) Members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life are appointed by AMP's Principal Board, which considers recommendations from the United Kingdom Board. On 1 July each year two members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life will retire by rotation.
6) Postal Voters' Roll: Membership of AMP gives you rights under the By-laws of AMP. You may, for instance (unless you are a minor or someone other than the first named of joint holders) vote personally or by proxy at general meetings of AMP. In addition, members entitled to vote may place their name on the Postal Voters' Roll. On any contested election of directors to AMP's Principal Board or amendment to AMP's By-laws, these members will be sent documentation enabling them to vote by post.

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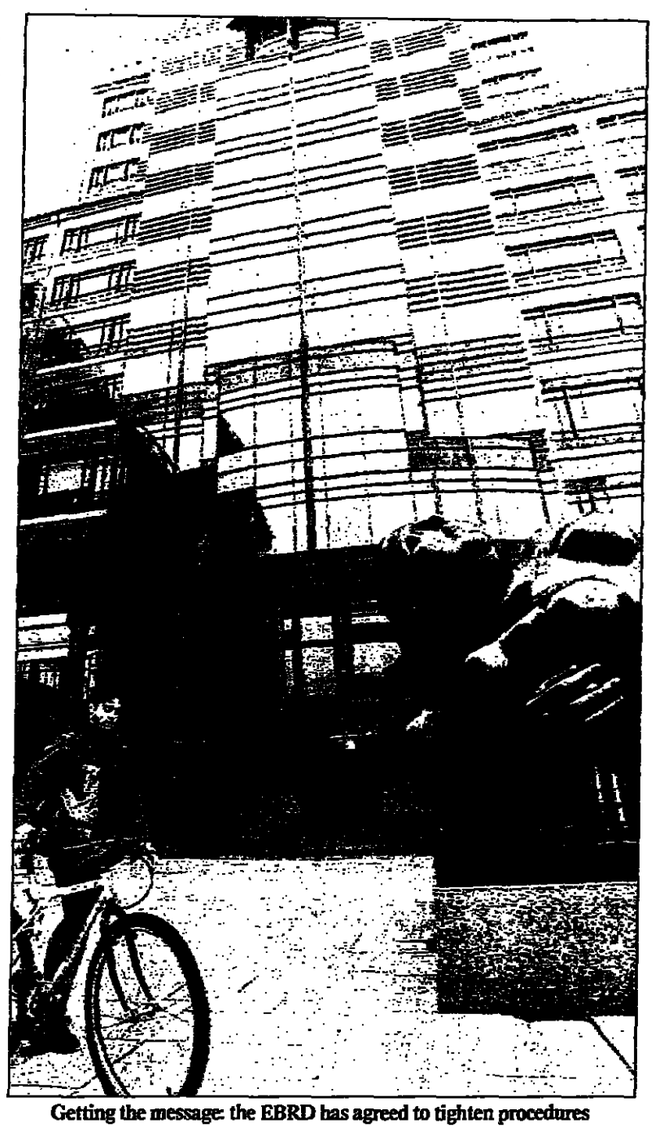
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Banking on developments behind the marble facade

The EBRD's expensive tastes have attracted much criticism but Colin Narbrough says its real work is beginning to gather momentum



Getting the message: the EBRD has agreed to tighten procedures

Multi-national institutions have never been a British passion. Nor have French intellectuals. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which combined these two pet prejudices under a lavishly marbelled City roof, was always likely to provide a target for an outcry of indignation.

The onslaught of criticism against the EBRD, and Jacques Attali, its French president whose dreamchild the bank was, has been truly awesome over the past fortnight. The basic thrust of the attack on the two-year-old bank is that it has been lavish in its spending of taxpayers' money on its own premises and nearly 600 cosmopolitan staff, while being slow to disburse funds to the needy masses of the former Soviet bloc, its proper constituency.

The unprecedented level of political and media attention given the bank has reinforced its critics' view that the whole institution is either unnecessary, or heavily over-dimensioned relative to the support it could reasonably provide for the transformation of the former Soviet bloc from communist command economies to democracy and market principles.

The EBRD-bashing has probably done the bank a good turn in drawing attention to its second annual meeting, which starts in London today. For it is at this five-day jamboree of ministers, central bankers and businessmen from the western donor countries, and 25 countries of central and eastern Europe that the real substance of the exercise, and strategies for progress, should be considered. The socialist M Attali's taste for fine food, executive jets and elegant surroundings will seem less important when held against the sheer scale of the problems many delegates will bring to the ERBD gathering.

The coincidence of this Sunday's Russian referendum with the EBRD meeting in London will sharpen awareness of the daunting task facing any would-be western supporter of fast economic and democratic development in eastern Europe. The vote of confidence sought by President Yeltsin is seen by many western governments as crucial to sustaining economic reform in Russia.

Not everyone shares this view. Lennart Meri, the president of Estonia, recently warned the West against effectively nourishing personality cults in respect of Russian leaders.

The former Soviet Union was not even part of the EBRD's field of operation when the bank was set up in April 1991. Only five countries were originally on its books. The subsequent fragmenting of the Soviet empire means that the EBRD now serves 25 countries, many enjoying the first flush of independence. David Roche, global strategist at Morgan Stanley, the American investment bank, predicts that Russia will be a "slowburn problem before it goes bang". Even though he considers the EBRD has failed to live up to the dream reflected in its architecture, he is in no doubt about the size of the problems faced. Indeed, Mr Roche fears that the implosion of Russia could become an explosion that sweeps the western economies with it. Russia's 270 million population, its energy exports to western Europe and its conventional and nuclear armaments make it a problem in almost any scenario, and one that is not going to go away.

Germany's experience in trying to undo four decades of central planning in the east gives a measure of the difficulties involved, even where the helping hand is both rich and motivated by ties of kinship. Birgit Breuel, president of Treuhand, the privatisation agency for eastern Germany, has learned to appreciate the problems of economic transformation. She sees the lack of information, not knowing what is being decided on, as a huge obstacle to progress in the early stages.

And then there is the cost. In the 30 months to January this year, Treuhand privatised 11,234 businesses and sold off 13,788 pieces of real estate, yielding a modest DM40.6 billion. But the agency, which hopes to complete its main work in 1994, expects to end up with a debt burden of DM250 billion.

The Group of Seven last week demonstrated that such luxury will not be afforded the Russians, or anyone else in eastern and central Europe. Russia is likely to get at best about $40 billion. Given the likelihood that conditions in Russia will worsen, before they improve, the ultimate amount to reach the Russians will almost certainly be much smaller.

M Attali has persistently driven home the point that the stability and well-being of Russia has to be central to western efforts to help the region, the continent and the world economy. Signs of economic turnround in Poland, Hungary and the Czech republic will be worth little, he argues, if economic and political turmoil worsens on their eastern borders.

To draw the fangs of its critics before its annual meeting, the EBRD board agreed, under pressure from donor governments, including Britain's (provider of £40 million for the bank's headquarters), to tighten its budgetary procedures and bring in outside auditors. The move will not disarm its critics, but should allow the 3,000 delegates at the annual meeting to focus on the real business, instead of the, for many, indecent overspend on buildings and salaries in London. The 56 shareholder nations signed up for a serious purpose and do not want to kill off the EBRD. Better controls on spending are being put in place. Even M Attali finally appears a shade contrite.

Theo Waigel, the German finance minister and EBRD chairman, is pushing for increased attention to be given to supporting small and medium firms, much along the lines of the reconstruction and development institution that played a key part in Germany's post-war *Wirtschaftswunder*. Ever mindful, since the Chernobyl disaster of 1986, of the threat to eastern and central Europe posed by decrepit and ill-managed Soviet nuclear power stations, Herr Waigel has also been a driving force behind the nuclear safety fund the EBRD will bring into action next month.

Although the formal part of the annual meeting only takes place on Monday and Tuesday, the gathering starts today with warm-up seminars and other events. The hot topic of cost control and the behaviour of M Attali and his board will still loom large, but the storm of the last two weeks resolved much of the cost-control problem. With the pace of disbursements clearly starting to pick up, there is every chance that the furore will soon fade into history.

The bank was attacked for its slowness of disbursement in its first two years. Here, the bank's position is understandable, at least to bankers. The EBRD's mandate is to pursue "sound" banking. So far, it has committed 8.6 billion ecu (£6.7 billion), which leaves only a little way to go before its share capital is exhausted. In a rapidly-changing environment, the EBRD would come under justifiable attack if it had been less than cautious. M Attali's favourite comment is that his task was not to hand over money to the mafia or Swiss bank accounts. Criticism from some quarters that the bank charges too much for its loans appears to overlook the heady political risk attached to its business. To borrow at the best rates, the EBRD must look after its AAA status.

The annual report predicts that the EBRD's investment portfolio will double this year after a quickening of activity in 1992, when 1.2 billion ecu of projects were approved. Improved economic stability in central Europe, and the expansion of the private sector should allow faster disbursement. Last year, it was only 126 million ecu.

M Attali is pressing to have the EBRD freed from the rule that obliges it to commit 60 per cent of lending to the private sector. In Russia, where the huge state enterprises, including those in the oil and gas sector, are far from privatisation, an end to the 60 per cent rule would allow the EBRD to become more active.

M Attali's "visionary" style and arrogance will always attract critics, east and west. It is, however, difficult to disagree with his remark that it is "a little bit unfair to judge an aircraft by its altitude just after take-off".

TEMPUS

Rate roulette

THE conflicting signals about British interest rates yesterday left investors in a state of nervous confusion, but they should not feel isolated. The Chancellor, the Treasury and the Bank of England must also be puzzling over the future for base rates in the face of such opposing pressures.

Yesterday morning's announcement of the second monthly fall in unemployment, coupled with the continuing improvement in productivity, seemed to throw all the arguments for another cut in the base rate out of the window, and cut up to a pound off long-dated gilts. By mid-afternoon, the unexpected action by the Bundesbank had put a 5 per cent base rate back on the agenda.

The government's exchange-rate policy is so unclear that investors looking for interest rate indicators should best ignore external pressures for now, no matter how strong sterling may appear, and concentrate on the domestic argument for lower rates. Unemployment figures suggest this is weak, but even the employment department does not believe them. Most other statistics suggest the recovery is tentative, which may be confirmed by today's retail sales figures. Even the recent rise in M0 seems to be over, judging from the latest banknote statistics, which showed a rise of only 1 per cent in Easter week.

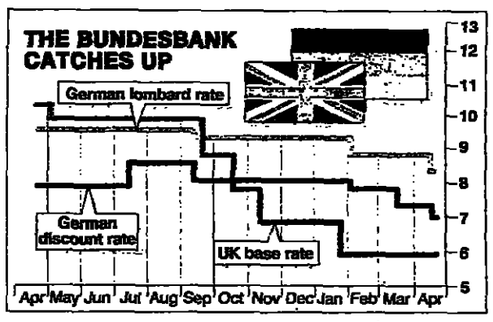
All these figures are vulnerable to setbacks. If there is a run of bad figures this summer, the Chancellor will be able to use his remaining scope to cut rates as an antidote, particularly if it coincides with a tricky episode in the Bank of England's funding programme. Given such conflicts, it is hardly a scenario worth betting the portfolio on.

German rates

THE scale of the political pressure on the Bundesbank to cut the discount rate yesterday was hard to ignore. With Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, visiting Bonn and Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, sounding ever keener to kickstart the economy, the bank may well have felt obliged to abandon its little-and-often approach to rate cuts, despite the unattractive economic outlook. German inflation is forecast to remain above 4 per cent, more than twice the Bundesbank's target. Given the bank's pathological concern about inflation, it is unlikely it would have agreed to the cut in isolation.

Whatever the long-term impact of the recent rate reductions on the German economy, they have worked wonders on Europe's bond and currency markets. Of the currencies within the ERM, only the peseta remains under any pressure. The franc looks sufficiently robust for a cut in the intervention rate of 25 basis points or more on Monday, which will take M Balladur's promise of economic recovery a step nearer reality. Meanwhile, European bond prices are likely to continue to converge, particularly with the promise of further cuts in the German repo rate to come.

The trend was demonstrated emphatically yesterday with Italian bonds gaining more than a full point, almost three times as much as the lower-yielding German equivalents.



Wembley

WEMBLEY shareholders who backed last year's £37 million rights issue at 30p a share will feel bruised after the announcement of more losses and no dividend. Gearing is still too high and the management has some way to go to get the business back on track after the expensive and confusing diversifications of the past.

The attraction of the company has always been its core asset, the stadium complex, which is capable of generating good profits and has courted speculators from far and wide. The group's peripheral activities are shrinking; Wembley needs to sell a few more this year to cut debts: the American dog tracks are the likeliest candidates.

The rationale to buy Wembley shares has always been the stadium, in the books at around £90 million. Wembley's net asset value of 71p a share dwarfs the current share price of 15p but that is little reason to buy. The company revalues its properties every three years and the current balance sheet is based on a 1990 valuation of fixed assets at some £300 million. A revaluation today might reveal that gearing is well over 100 per cent. Suggestions that a consortium might bid could help the shares but bid speculation has inflated the stock before when nothing materialised.

Albert Fisher

HOWEVER hard man tries, nature is often the ultimate victor, as Albert Fisher has discovered to its cost. First it was apples, then bananas. Now the bumper Spanish citrus crop is depressing prices and eroding margins.

That said, the new management has the business under firmer control and has stabilised earnings after the weak performance in the second half of last year, although profit is still lower than the same period last year. Cost-saving initiatives should improve the underlying basis of profitability.

These benefits are not enough to offset the collapse in produce prices. The group is still a commodity-driven business and highly vulnerable to price fluctuations. Some prices are beginning to improve. But the volatility will always be there. To counteract this, Albert Fisher intends to expand in value-added produce. It has a long way to go since under a tenth of its business is in this area. The shares, on a rating of just 12.5 times current year forecast earnings, reflect the fundamental changes needed in the group to reduce volatility.

Etam

A WEEK is a long time in retailing. It only took eight weeks' poor trading before Christmas to wipe out all Etam's gains for the rest of the year. ntil then the group had weathered the recession better than shareholders could have expected, given its eager participation in the "race for space" in the late eighties. It has not emerged completely unscathed. Rents have increased from 9.5 per cent to almost 11.5 per cent of sales since 1989, as Etam paid top rates for prime sites.

The worry for Etam shareholders is whether the slip in sales was a one-off mishap or a result of increasing competition on the high street now that rivals such as Next, BhS and Laura Ashley are recovering strongly.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Rate cuts? What rate cuts?

THERE were red faces all around the financial wire services yesterday, but nothing approaching the incandescence of their customers after news, or rather no news, of the Bundesbank's decision to cut interest rates. A central bank spokesman emerged from the council meeting in the Bundesbank's Frankfurt headquarters shortly after 1pm German time and handed press releases on the bank's 1992 profits to the crowd of waiting journalists. Veteran Bundesbank watchers at VWD, the German wire service, saw no mention of rate cuts and filed a snap to that effect. Like sheep, the other wire services followed and dealing screens around the world lit up with the news that rates were unchanged. Then the Bundesbank spokesman emerged yet again with another press release announcing the rate cuts. Two or three minutes later — or rather millions of pounds, marks and dollars later — increasingly panicked currency dealers saw corrections flashing up on their screens. Reuters stood out against the rest, filing just one, correct story, making this week's share upgrades already seem wholly justified.

Life imitates art

BERMONDSEY residents woken up by the sirens of fire engines early yesterday assumed it was all part of the show. But the flames shooting high out of the roof of the southeast London set of *LWT's London's Burning* were no ordinary special effects. Totally unplanned, and certainly unbudgeted-for, the damages caused by the real-life fire are now thought likely to exceed £500,000. Nicholas Balcolme, chief executive of Balcolme, the insurance group, said that one of the Jacob Street Studio sets has been completely devastated by the fire. "Sixty per cent of the studio's roof has been destroyed and there is a possibility that the district surveyor will declare the building unsafe and require its demolition," he added. LWT, which lit and doused 50 fires on Wednesday to obtain some interior fire scenes for an upcoming episode of the popular programme about arson, says that it is "mystified" by the fire. No cause has yet been established, but perhaps the irony might inspire a few of the drama series' scriptwriters.



"Sorry — the directors have all gone"

Off to the YMCA

AS if to prove that the Lord moves in mysterious ways, Nick Nightingale, the company secretary at Tate & Lyle, is leaving in the autumn to head the English branch of the YMCA, which younger readers may not realise stands for the Young Men's Christian Association. Around the same time, his wife Sue is due to be ordained as a Church of England deacon. Nightingale describes his move out of the world of Mammon as "a thrilling post for a Christian executive," which in these sad times I fear sounds rather like a contradiction in terms.

A better bite

MARKS and Spencer's store on Moorgate, the bankers' row in the City, could soon be competing for the swift City lunch market with an organisation sharing a slice of its name — the historic Bevis Marks Spanish and Portuguese synagogue just off Bishopsgate, where the committee is talking of installing a 100-seat kosher cafe. But having just spent £300,000 repairing damage to the 292-year-old, Grade I listed building caused by the IRA bomb last year, Bevis Marks is still £90,000 short of its £250,000 appeal target for further restoration work. A tall order, especially with the news yesterday that Marks and Spencer's Moorgate take-away shop has been crowned "Sandwich Retailer of the Year" by the British Sandwich Association. The shop, which sells more than 2.5 million sandwiches a year and accepts orders by both telephone and fax, was also praised for its "influence on the development of the United Kingdom sandwich industry".

Quids in

TOP honours today go to International Paper, the largest pulp and paper company in the United States, for its $120 million landmark acquisition of Kwidzyn, the previously state-owned Polish paper company. After lavish praise from Janusz Lewandowski, Poland's privatisation minister, International Paper will tomorrow be toasted as the winner of *Central European* magazine's 1992-3 Deals of the Year competition at a champagne reception at the House of Commons. Credit Suisse First Boston, which arranged the voucher privatisation auction of the Bolshevik Biscuit Factory, meanwhile picks up the award for the Western investment bank of the year. The finance minister of the year is Jerzy Osiatynski of Poland, who has managed to "build a consensus around his policies and contain the budget deficit." Needless to say, one Norman Lamont was not a finalist.

SEEN juxtaposed in a Portsmouth bookshop: Nigel Lawson's The View from Number 11 and Spike Milligan and Anthony Clare's Depression and How to Survive It.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Fresh vision needed to stimulate UK manufacturing

From Mr Simon J. Brown

Sir, The main business feature "More than a hair shirt called for to save British Industry" (April 15) quite rightly identified manufacturing investment as being the most critical issue facing the UK economy at present.

As the organisation representing many of the suppliers of vital capital equipment in which UK industry invests, we are well placed to look at the levels of investment in the UK in the past, present and future, and the picture with which we are presented is not encouraging. It is well known that the UK environment has led to lower levels of manufacturing investment over a long period of time, and yet there appears to be no vision in government or elsewhere on how to correct this imbalance, which the "free market" has clearly not done.

The recent Budget did virtually nothing to address this problem, especially from the point of view of the small firms for whom investment in high technology is increasingly expensive, and yet who are critical to the future growth of the economy.

Our members are constantly amazed when they travel the world and see far higher levels of capital investment in the latest technology than in the UK. One of the explanations for this is a consensus on the conditions necessary for investment by industry at all levels. As you remarked, until we get away from the dogmatic approach which treats any suggestion from the Labour party with such disdain, then the gentle retirement of the UK as an industrial nation will continue.

The UK economy needs a fresh vision, which a dialogue of all parties, inside and outside Parliament, could do much to address.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON J. BROWN
Director General,
The Machine Tool Technologies Association,
62 Bayswater Road, W2.

Insurers should look to past mistakes rather than global warming

From Mr Harold Mollin

Sir, I was interested to read J. A. Clark's letter "Insurance losses have little to do with global warming" (April 9).

Our research confirms his view that recent weather patterns are within the range of natural variability and we agree that better statistical assessments of the weather risk would help the insurance market.

The insurance programs that we provide are based on the most extensive database of weather information in existence with statistics going back around half a century for 100,000 weather stations round the globe. From this we can assess, on a day by day, hour by hour basis, the statistical probability of certain types of weather occurring.

As to the "greenhouse effect", we have not seen any statistical proof that a warming trend has been established, and, if warming has occurred, what effect this had had on catastrophes.

All of the data we have analysed shows that similar weather patterns have existed throughout history all over the world. In fact, the National Climatic Data Centre of the US has said that no discernible change has taken place in the US for either temperature or precipitation.

Some studies indicate that in the event of some warming on a global basis, the propensity for storms may not increase but their intensity may be greater. All of this is conjecture and not the real root of the insurance industry's problem.

The problem is whether the industry is collecting the proper premiums for weather exposures.

Our conclusions, based upon the information in our computers, is unequivocally no. We have seen rates that are 10 per cent of what they should be for exposures such as hurricanes, typhoons, droughts and frost. For years, the industry has just thrown in these perils for "no charge" in package policies where the real exposure is the weather and not the other factors. It has been the classic case of the tail wagging the dog.

This may be the time when we shall see the proper hardening of the market. The fact that the rating of these catastrophes has been insufficient on a historical basis does not mean the atmosphere is changing, it simply means that underwriters need to "wake up" to their past mistakes.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD MOLLIN,
Chairman, LK Worldwide Weather Underwriting Agencies,
Forum House,
15/18 Lime Street, EC3.

Pass the parcel — or the buck?

From Mr Cliff Turner

Sir, Recently, my company received in one post three large letter packets in severely damaged condition, on which the postage amounted to £18.60. Our letter of complaint to the local postmaster, accompanied with what remained of the postal wrappings, eventually reached the Royal Mail customer services centre at Hemel Hempstead.

Their reply, to quote: "Parcelforce Limited is now a separate business to Royal Mail and unfortunately, I am unable to deal with your enquiry."

This curt reply ignores the facts that: (a) postage covered letter rate, so why was Parcelforce involved; (b) the source of the damage is suspected to be Royal Mail handling and sorting equipment; and (c) the most important point, surely, is that, having handed over a postal packet to the Royal Mail, a contract exists with the customer.

Parcelforce Limited are presumably a sub-contractor to the Royal Mail, since they do not sell postage stamps to the public, and therefore the Royal Mail cannot pass the buck by inferring to customers that the damage was caused by another company.

Our UK correspondent could have sent the three packets by a next-day courier for the price of £15.00

Yours faithfully,
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Global Bond	29.03	30.80	-0.03	5.03
High Yield Acc	52.16	55.78	-0.16	4.43
-do- Inc	37.86	40.49†	-0.12	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	86.04	92.02	+0.44	1.35
-do- Inc	79.57	85.10	+0.40	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.56	60.49	-0.33	...
-do- Inc	55.51	59.37	-0.32	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.72	104.52	+0.12	1.07
-do- Inc	96.38	103.08†	+0.12	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.07	36.43†	-0.01	1.46
Pacific Growth	95.56	102.21	+1.11	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.51	91.45	-0.34	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	119.60	127.40	-0.40	3.29
Smaller Cos Acc	279.90	298.40	+2.00	...
Smaller Cos Inc	162.60	173.50†	-1.20	1.25
High Inc	69.94	75.19†	-0.06	6.97
Income	124.50	133.30†	...	4.13
Mngd P folio Inc	92.29	98.29	+0.54	2.02
-do- Acc	174.40	185.80	+1.10	...
North American	99.47	105.90	...	0.21
Orient	115.20	124.30	-0.10	...
Recovery	37.53	40.35	+0.40	2.77
German	41.86	44.89	-0.23	0.09
Intl Growth	32.21	34.31	-0.19	0.23
European Inc	22.22	23.92	...	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.14	66.11†	-0.03	1.16
-do- Acc	70.05	74.53	-0.03	1.16
Income Fund 5	210.20	223.70	+0.20	4.02
-do- Acc	489.10	520.40†	+0.30	4.02
Inv Portfolio	66.73	69.16	+0.05	2.03
-do- Acc	75.35	78.09	+0.05	2.03
Smaller Cos	123.70	131.70	+1.50	1.88
-do- Acc	148.70	158.20	+1.80	1.88
High Inc P folio	60.03	62.21	+0.08	4.71
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	65.95	66.75†	+0.06	6.02
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.10	142.70	+0.70	1.66
UK Growth	145.80	155.20	+0.20	2.04
UK Income	121.30	129.00†	+0.10	4.23
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.73	87.41†	-0.14	1.07
Growth	44.31	47.39	+0.25	3.02
Income	53.26	56.96	+0.36	4.27
Far East	46.24	49.45†	+0.06	0.16
North American	76.29	82.03†	+0.28	0.01
Global	79.97	85.53†	+0.23	0.77
European	68.00	72.73†	-0.35	1.71
Japan	105.40	112.70	...	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.46	60.91†	-0.23	5.28
UK Cap Gwth	78.33	83.78†	+0.53	2.20

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	123.30	131.10†	-0.40	0.15
-do- Acc	131.00	139.40	-0.40	0.15
European	65.05	68.92	-0.34	1.04
-do- Acc	67.43	71.44	-0.35	1.04
Far East Gen	60.65	64.53†	-0.41	...
-do- Acc	60.65	64.53	-0.41	...
Glenfriars	239.40	254.70†	-0.20	0.96
-do- Acc	269.50	286.80	-0.20	0.96
Growth	374.00	400.10	+1.00	2.64
-do- Acc	640.20	684.80	+1.60	2.64
Income Growth	372.00	395.80	+1.30	4.06
-do- Acc	494.60	526.20	+1.70	4.06
Master Portfolio	9308.0	9635.0†	+8.00	2.75
-do- Acc	10773.0	11150.0	+9.00	2.75
Special Sits	85.81	91.29	+0.36	2.53
-do- Acc	100.43	106.83	+0.30	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1209.0	1247.0	+4.00	4.48
-do- Acc	1400.0	1444.0	+5.00	4.48
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	184.30	196.30	-1.50	1.68
Capital	528.80	564.30†	+1.90	2.36
Eurotrack 100	126.50	134.60	-0.50	1.54
Euro Gth	78.39	83.49	-0.52	1.39
Far East Growth	86.44	92.25	-1.16	0.14
Global Bond	23.10	24.34	-0.10	6.15
Hong Kong	73.62	78.56†	-0.43	0.57
Income	497.00	530.40†	+1.60	3.93
Intl Growth	71.86	76.69	-0.32	0.99
Japan Growth	251.40	268.30	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.68	33.81	+0.09	...
Japan Index	73.02	77.92	-0.06	0.25
Nth American	407.90	435.30†	+0.20	0.99
S pore Mly Gth	49.33	52.64	-0.10	...
The Footsie Fd	107.80	113.80	+0.40	2.59
Tiger Index	132.80	141.70	-0.60	0.70
Trixle Index	102.70	109.60	+0.50	2.62
UK Index	122.80	131.00	+0.40	2.97
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	80.75	86.25	-0.61	1.00
European P folio	71.30	75.82†	-0.20	1.38
Japanese P folio	60.98	64.70	+0.02	...
Pacific P folio	95.37	102.55	+0.59	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.40	74.23	+0.03	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.79	66.34†	+0.16	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.96	50.61	+0.01	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	605.30	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	..	9.28
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.72	64.97†	...	2.32
Beckman Intl	81.12	85.62	...	3.10
Friars Hse Inc	177.62	190.99	...	6.10
Friars Hse Cap	246.36	264.90	...	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9318				
Japan Gth Acc	39.79	42.33	-0.14	..
Managed	61.43	65.35	-0.02	2.74
-do- Acc	74.19	78.92	-0.03	2.74
Smaller Cos	33.24	35.36	+0.24	1.91
-do- Acc	37.45	39.84	+0.28	1.91
UK General	68.18	72.53	+0.17	3.42
-do- Acc	81.73	86.95	+0.14	3.42
Wwide Bd	62.16	66.05†	-0.20	6.10
-do- Acc	79.88	84.89	-0.33	6.10
Wwide Sp Sits	55.04	58.87	-0.04	0.18
-do- Acc	57.34	61.33	-0.04	0.18
Quilter General	120.24	127.91†	+0.19	2.43
-do- Acc	133.60	142.13	+0.21	2.43
Quilter Income	93.32	99.28†	+0.47	3.80
-do- Acc	115.02	122.36	+0.57	3.80
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	69.50	73.94	+0.38	1.82
-do- Acc	91.94	97.81	+0.51	1.82
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.69	91.69†	+0.01	5.50
-do- Acc	91.69	91.69†	+0.01	5.50
Fin Property	105.91	112.69	+0.21	1.42
Fixed Conv	41.08	43.70	+0.02	7.33
-do- Acc	107.34	114.19	+0.05	7.33
Equity Inc	144.62	153.65	+0.34	3.45
-do- Acc	464.23	493.86	+1.10	3.45
High Yield	118.27	125.82†	+0.43	4.59
-do- Acc	440.61	475.12	+1.61	4.59
Preference	46.89	49.88†	-0.01	7.36
-do- Acc	240.75	256.12	-0.03	7.36
PPT Europe	148.54	158.02†	-0.33	0.95
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.35	50.37†	+0.01	7.98
PPT Global Bnd	81.62	86.70†	-0.22	5.77
PPT Gold Com	50.84	54.09†	+0.03	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.55	59.09†	-0.52	0.53
PPT Far East Gth	102.61	109.16†	-0.30	0.27
PPT Japan	110.87	117.95†	-0.77	...
PPT N Amer	144.40	153.62†	-0.62	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.42	122.79	-0.19	1.89
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	77.09	82.01	+0.89	0.97
Japanese Acc	58.31	62.03	+0.01	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.70	133.70	+0.30	2.51
-do- Acc	146.70	156.10	+0.40	2.51
UK Growth Acc	206.10	219.30	+0.50	2.20
UK High Inc	134.20	142.80	+0.40	6.65
-do- Acc	158.50	168.60	+0.40	6.65
N America Acc	107.10	113.90	...	0.34
European Acc	151.70	161.40	+0.10	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.12	63.79	-0.01	8.86
-do- Acc	97.03	103.00	...	8.86
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.43	49.39	+0.15	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.69	76.27†	+0.41	1.45
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	107.50	114.20	-0.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	189.30	201.10	+1.00	1.24
Eurofund	37.00	39.18	-0.18	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.40	170.30†	+1.20	5.08
Growth Inc	211.40	224.60	+1.00	4.01
High Dist	138.80	147.50	+1.10	5.86
International	316.30	336.10	+0.80	0.97
Intl Income	78.92	84.25†	-0.51	3.09
Pacific	56.16	59.67	-0.26	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	64.17	68.18	-0.15	...
Tokyo	191.50	203.50	+0.60	...
Japan Exempt	108.40	111.30	-2.20	0.45
Sm Jap Exempt	533.50	548.10	+1.10	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	118.10	125.50	-0.60	0.23
Australia	7.008	7.446	+0.025	1.08
Equity	184.30	195.80	+0.30	4.35
Euro Spec Sits	138.90	147.00	-1.00	0.58
Financial	39.15	41.60	-0.16	2.91
Global Opps Inc	86.51	91.92	+0.01	2.19
-do- Acc	89.67	95.27	+0.01	2.19
Gold Gen Inc	41.48	44.07	-0.48	0.98
-do- Acc	80.09	85.10	+0.09	0.98
Income	119.70	127.20	+0.10	4.85
Japan General	146.80	155.90	+0.50	...
Preference	21.30	22.63†	+0.03	8.62
UK Capital	102.80	109.20	+0.30	3.09
Worldwide Cap	193.10	205.20	+0.30	3.14
World Income	82.09	87.22	-0.35	3.48
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	+0.90	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.98	109.45†	+0.45	3.36
High Income	121.04	127.41	+0.85	4.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	141.27	148.71	+0.26	2.19
Special Sits	83.86	88.27	-0.12	2.85
North American	100.04	105.31	-0.86	1.06
Far Eastern	229.11	241.17	-1.28	1.50
Intl Growth	90.89	95.67†	-0.24	1.48
European	62.64	65.94	-0.36	2.20
Smaller Cos	69.90	73.58	+0.37	2.22
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.10	231.90†	...	3.47
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	114.80	122.10	...	...
High Income	24.73	26.02†	...	5.77
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	91.04	96.35	+0.39	0.89
Far Eastern	130.80	139.70	-0.40	...
Grsns Income	86.97	93.10	-0.29	2.82
UK Growth	91.83	98.21	+0.28	1.32
UK Income	101.60	108.70	+0.40	3.83
US Smaller Cos	230.90	247.00	-0.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	395.20	422.60	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	403.80	431.80	-0.70	...
Capital	282.30	300.10	+1.20	1.93
-do- Acc	393.10	418.10	+1.90	1.93
Conti Smllr Cos	47.11	50.70	-0.01	0.96
-do- Acc	48.74	52.46	-0.01	0.96
Convertible	110.50	117.50	+0.30	6.63
-do- Acc	204.60	217.60	+0.50	6.63
European	95.85	102.40	...	0.96
-do- Acc	99.04	105.80	-0.10	0.96
Extra Income	286.90	305.10	+1.00	4.07
-do- Acc	401.60	427.10	+1.30	4.07
Financial	102.30	110.00†	-0.10	0.67
-do- Acc	107.20	115.30†	-0.10	0.67
Health Fund Inc	103.20	110.20	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	103.20	110.20	+0.80	...
Income Tst	177.90	189.20	+0.90	3.67
-do- Acc	247.90	263.60	+1.10	3.67
Intl Growth	297.90	318.10	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	330.80	353.20	+1.20	...
Japan Gen	164.70	176.10	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	166.30	177.90	-0.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.40	93.05	+0.10	1.04
-do- Acc	92.67	97.54	+0.10	1.04
Monthly Income	146.40	155.70	+1.20	4.16
Recovery	279.60	298.90	+0.70	0.73
-do- Acc	327.40	350.10	+0.90	0.73
Gilt Gth Tst	60.04	61.92	-0.31	6.51
-do- Acc	77.54	79.96	-0.41	6.51
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	347.75	369.95	+0.87	2.84
-do- Acc	702.15	746.97	+1.76	2.84
Euro Gth Dist	104.36	111.02	-0.11	0.84
-do- Acc	107.48	114.34	-0.11	0.84
Fixed Int Dist	129.67	137.16†	+0.06	6.38
-do- Acc	217.84	230.42†	+0.09	6.38
Intl Gth Dist	74.84	79.62	+0.13	0.81
-do- Acc	77.42	82.36	+0.13	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	161.72	171.33	+0.16	0.86
-do- Acc	175.38	185.80	+0.18	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	234.59	249.56	+1.16	0.29
-do- Acc	238.29	253.50	+1.18	0.29
Stewardship Dist	295.85	314.73	+0.67	1.91
-do- Acc	350.02	372.36	+0.80	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	62.04	66.03	+0.15	3.50
-do- Acc	76.02	80.87	+0.18	3.50
N Am Stwd Dist	92.66	98.57	+0.34	...
-do- Acc	98.01	104.27	+0.36	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.20	140.40†	+0.10	...
European	391.00	415.90	-2.00	1.02
Far East General	212.40	222.20	-0.50	0.32
Germany	97.40	103.00	-0.50	0.44
Global Assets Inc	65.90	70.35	-0.05	2.30
Global Assets Ac	69.05	73.71	-0.06	2.27
Income Inc	115.00	123.00	+0.10	7.15
International	254.30	271.70	-0.90	1.03
Intl Income	76.83	81.69	-0.27	4.88
Japan General	350.80	373.20†	+0.90	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.82	49.01	+0.12	6.20
UK Capital Inc	157.80	168.80	+0.40	3.95
-do- Acc	270.00	288.80	+0.70	3.88
Uk Spec Sits	71.66	76.65	+0.23	1.66
US General	109.20	116.30	-0.70	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.80	119.60	...	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.78	46.82	+0.11	1.64
Cash Trust*	128.22	128.22	+0.02	5.06
Fract Inv Inc	100.65	107.94†	+0.17	4.03
-do- Acc	216.06	231.70†	+0.32	4.03
UK Smaller Cos	98.26	105.37	+0.40	1.21
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.73	26.45†	-0.02	8.02
High Inc	31.43	33.62	+0.34	4.97
UK Equity Inc	127.16	136.00	-0.26	3.90
Global Bond	29.06	30.11†	-0.09	5.75
International Funds				
Gold Intl	68.46	73.42	-0.71	1.33
Frontier Markets	40.00	42.90†	-0.21	0.42
Global Inc Gth	116.09	123.89†	-0.46	2.22
UK Intl	110.49	118.17	-0.12	0.55
Overseas Funds				
American	123.24	131.34	-0.73	0.49
European	80.09	84.93	-0.03	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	91.99	98.01	-0.17	0.85
American Emerg	74.16	79.53	-0.53	...
Hong Kong	106.69	114.41	-0.64	2.03
Japan	206.40	219.63	-0.69	...
Pacific Growth	146.13	156.71	-0.74	0.45

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	121.94	130.42	+0.45	0.37
American Gth	113.10	120.96	+0.03	...
European Gth	67.42	72.07	+0.52	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	74.05	79.19	+0.37	...
Pacific Inc	132.94	142.18	-1.43	2.85
Pacific Strategy	112.25	120.06	+0.89	0.25
UK Prog Inc	74.230	78.270	-0.13	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.61	51.21	+0.14	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.35	46.58	+0.15	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9468				
Cash	130.80	130.80	...	5.14
Gilt Fixed	119.00	126.20	...	6.53
Growth Equity	285.80	305.30	+0.10	2.07
Guardhill	419.70	448.30	+0.30	2.35
Income Trust	108.70	116.10	-0.10	3.38
International	152.50	162.90†	+0.20	0.36
Japan Trust	118.60	126.70	+0.70	...
Nth American	243.90	260.50†	+0.10	0.47
Pacific	365.80	388.70†	+0.40	...
European	336.20	359.10	-0.30	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 858868				
Global Adv Inc	34.58	36.66	+0.10	1.76
-do- Acc	36.19	38.37	+0.10	1.76
Inc Adv Inc	29.25	31.01†	+0.10	4.20
-do- Acc	30.40	32.23	+0.10	4.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	71.65	76.75	+0.38	0.93
Equity Income	112.50	119.70	...	3.37
European	130.20	137.80†	-0.60	0.88
Intl Situation	73.01	77.67	+0.07	...
Japanese	137.50	145.90	+0.20	...
North American	94.98	100.80	-0.20	...
Scandinavian	106.60	112.70	+1.20	0.45
Smaller Cos	28.83	30.67	+0.24	2.09
HENDERSON PO Box 2197, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	84.23	90.08†	-0.13	...
Asian Enterprise	121.21	130.80	-0.40	0.99
Australian	132.88	142.04†	+0.12	1.51
European	359.22	380.28†	-0.32	1.23
European Inc	68.47	72.42	-0.29	3.40
Euro Smi Co	120.24	128.26	-0.31	0.71
Extra Income	254.79	271.24†	+0.64	4.58
Family of Funds	68.51	73.12	+0.42	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.95	58.76†	-0.01	8.67
Global Resour	89.58	96.16	+0.59	1.02
High Inc	279.30	298.56†	+1.32	4.20
Income Gth	235.13	250.41	+0.90	3.33
-do- Acc	591.70	630.15	+2.25	3.33
International	221.08	235.38†	-1.20	0.96
Japan Spc Sit	221.43	235.53	+0.53	...
Japan	190.79	202.73	-0.51	...
N Amer	211.19	224.86	-7.34	0.20
Pacific Smllr Cos	171.82	184.92†	+0.03	0.62
Pref Gilt	44.93	48.82†	+0.01	8.29
Smaller Cos Div	157.81	172.00	+0.59	3.98
Special Sits	253.25	270.97	+1.30	1.94
-do- Acc	390.23	417.54	+2.30	1.94
Best of British	54.99	58.58	+0.16	2.27
Spirit of the East	57.18	61.08†	+0.04	0.54
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.49	93.57	+0.23	2.42
Capital	153.30	163.90	-1.00	2.00
Dollar	293.50	313.90	-1.10	0.07
European	190.70	200.90	+0.90	0.58
Far East	224.20	239.70	-0.30	0.52
Financial	663.00	709.00†	-1.20	2.52
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.31	26.29	-0.03	8.11
High Yield	98.93	105.80	+0.20	4.77
Income	134.00	143.30	+0.40	3.69
Intl	206.70	221.00	-0.80	0.27
Japan Tech	65.88	70.45	-0.35	...
Nat Resources	54.76	58.56	-0.54	0.73
Security	292.10	312.40†	+0.70	2.15
Smaller Cos	105.70	113.00†	+0.50	1.54
Special Sits	133.90	143.20†	+0.10	1.96
US Smaller Cos	58.97	63.06	+0.04	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	241.70	254.40	+3.00	1.43
Capital Gwth	99.34	104.60	...	2.53
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.20	25.44	+0.18	1.63
Special Features	26.47	28.13	+0.08	1.45
-do- Acc	31.30	33.25†	+0.09	1.44
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.37	56.09	+0.21	1.91
Assets Earnings	69.99	74.36	+0.14	1.84
do Acc	82.25	87.39	+0.16	1.84
Managed Invest	83.78	89.52	-0.13	1.22
Rupert Children	74.88	79.89†	+0.06	1.65
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.41	50.41†	+0.01	4.90
Extra Inc	77.91	83.49	+0.29	4.53
Gilt	27.77	29.23	...	6.61
Income Gth	38.02	40.67†	+0.14	3.54
MIMstar	74.57	76.34†	+0.06	7.95
Preference	17.69	19.38	+0.02	6.16
UK Income	302.40	323.40†	+1.20	3.06
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.21	58.66	-0.26	1.30
Property Shares	58.64	62.30†	-0.14	2.15
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.30	149.50	+0.40	3.53
European Acc	107.20	113.60	-0.80	1.76
European Dist	102.10	108.20	-0.70	1.78
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.31	50.31†	-0.64	1.02
European Perf	105.40	111.80	-0.60	1.08
-do- Acc	107.30	113.90	-0.60	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.63	21.96	-0.06	0.74
French Growth	65.79	70.06	-0.20	0.41
-do- Acc	70.28	74.85	-0.21	0.41
Hong K/China	65.46	70.40	-0.33	1.75
Intl Growth	49.18	52.25	-0.20	0.76
-do- Acc	49.18	52.25	-0.20	0.76
Japan Perf	32.54	34.56	-0.04	...
Accum Units	32.54	34.56	-0.04	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.89	36.03	+0.03	...
Singapore Asean	73.37	79.73	+0.20	0.42
-do- Acc	73.83	80.23	+0.21	0.42
South East Asia	214.90	232.10†	-0.20	1.05
US Smllr Cos	100.20	106.40	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	101.30	107.60	+0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.26	86.62	-0.71	2.57
Intl Bond	56.27	57.03	-0.07	6.30
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.14	69.48†	+0.01	5.03
Extra Income	50.93	54.18†	+0.08	6.76
Gilt Yield	117.50	123.90†	-0.90	7.43
Global Income	193.00	205.30	-0.42	4.27
High Yield	130.60	138.90†	-0.95	3.95

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div	45.95	48.88	+0.19	4.46
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.88	92.43	-0.49	...
North American	72.01	76.61	-0.63	0.42
European	126.30	134.40	-0.60	0.87
Euro Special	76.29	81.16	-0.30	0.95
General	261.50	278.20	-0.80	3.21
Japan	387.80	412.60	-0.70	...
Japanese Special	211.00	224.50†	+3.00	...
Master Acc	210.60	224.00	...	1.38
Pacific	253.20	268.30†	-0.40	0.60
Smaller Cos	97.76	104.00	+0.70	2.02
UK Equity Gth	34.37	36.56	-0.53	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.61	77.24	-0.19	0.94
Extra Income	23.63	25.14†	-0.06	3.28
Far East	29.86	27.51†	-0.03	0.98
Income Gwth	71.74	76.32	-0.76	2.91
Intl Growth	50.18	53.38†	+0.04	0.82
Japan	61.74	65.66	+0.18	...
Maximum Dist*	99.31	101.30†	+0.10	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.31	39.69	+0.19	0.49
UK Equity	85.33	90.78†	-0.01	2.93
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.08	56.47	+0.33	4.43
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.30	445.00	+1.50	2.91
Equity Acc	794.00	844.70	+2.80	2.91
Equity Income	90.18	95.94	+0.22	5.15
European	93.06	99.00	+0.10	1.73
Far Eastern	173.40	184.50	+1.20	0.31
Fixed Interest	51.00	54.26†	+0.02	6.43
Gilt	89.25	94.64†	...	6.50
Global Growth	63.85	67.93	+0.30	0.77
Intl Bond	55.41	58.95	+0.17	4.82
Japanese	65.96	70.17	+0.47	...
Overseas Equity	92.35	98.24	+0.37	0.80
Pacific Gth	81.82	87.04†	+0.42	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.70	332.70	-0.10	2.78
-do- Acc	677.10	720.40	-0.20	2.78
Cond Euro Gth	49.88	52.51	-0.12	1.51
-do- Acc	52.72	55.53	-0.12	1.51
Extra Inc	237.80	253.00	+0.20	3.64
-do- Acc	578.20	615.20	+0.50	3.64
German Gth	100.10	105.40	-0.40	0.23
-do- Acc	105.00	110.60	-0.40	0.23
Growth Port	478.30	508.90	-0.30	1.32
-do- Acc	478.30	508.90	+0.30	1.32
Income	439.50	467.60†	+0.20	3.49
-do- Acc	1128.0	1200.0†	+1.00	3.49
Income Port	480.90	510.90†	+0.30	5.21
-do- Acc	485.60	515.80	+0.20	5.21
Japan Growth	90.06	95.81	+0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	90.38	96.15	+0.10	0.01
Master Trust	50.81	54.06	+0.08	1.42
-do- Acc	55.27	58.80	+0.09	1.42
N American Gen	169.80	180.70	-1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	196.10	208.70	-2.20	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	124.20	132.20	+2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	126.80	134.90	+2.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	197.40†	210.00	-2.20	0.60
-do- Acc	208.60	222.00	-2.30	0.60
Small Cos Rec	292.90	308.40	+1.00	2.57
-do- Acc	377.80	397.70	+1.20	2.57
UK Growth	77.81	82.78	...	2.17
-do- Acc	90.72	96.52	...	2.17
Worldwide Gth	266.10	283.10	+0.10	0.29
-do- Acc	392.20	417.30	+0.30	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	76.99	82.61	-0.10	3.00
Income	58.56	62.83†	+0.27	5.80
International	53.02	59.03	+0.14	0.80
American	56.88	61.03	+0.16	0.40
Japan	50.90	54.18	+0.19	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.82	57.75†	+0.20	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	370.40	391.00	-0.40	0.86
-do- Acc	457.10	482.50	-0.50	0.86
American Rec	396.50	419.30†	+2.10	0.22
-do- Acc	454.20	480.50	+2.40	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	110.30	116.50	+0.70	0.02
Australia Acc	144.40	152.60	+1.10	1.37
Capital	638.60	675.30	+0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	704.70	745.20	+0.10	2.70
Commodity Acc	403.40	426.60	-0.40	0.86
Compnd Gth	801.90	847.90	-0.90	2.85
Dividend	34.60	36.60	+0.20	4.25
-do- Acc	134.50	142.40	+0.70	4.25
Equity Inc	284.30	300.60	+1.20	4.99
European Div	57.70	61.00	+0.20	4.36
-do- Acc	65.20	68.90	+0.20	4.36
European Gen	375.60	397.20	-0.50	1.66
-do- Acc	469.30	496.30	-0.50	1.66
Extra Yield	365.90	386.90†	+2.60	4.36
-do- Acc	1069.8	1131.4	+7.60	4.36
Far Eastern	279.50	298.60	+2.50	0.93
-do- Acc	367.60	388.80	+3.20	0.93
Fund of Inv	486.50	514.50	+1.30	2.25
-do- Acc	877.80	928.40	+2.40	2.25
General	52.40	55.40	+0.10	3.60
-do- Acc	138.10	146.00	+0.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	61.80	61.80	+0.10	7.78
do Acc	152.50	152.70	+0.10	7.78
Gold	42.80	45.30	-0.20	1.40
-do- Acc	50.10	53.00	-0.20	1.40
High Inc	24.30	25.70	+0.10	4.66
-do- Acc	89.90	95.40	+0.40	4.66
Intl Growth	66.46	70.40	...	0.90
-do- Acc	114.40	121.40	+0.10	0.90
Intl Inc	89.30	94.40†	+0.20	4.70
Japan Gen Acc	47.10	49.80	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	140.50	148.50	+1.50	...
Midland	51.40	54.40†	+0.60	3.73
-do- Acc	164.50	174.00	+1.70	3.73
Recovery	35.50	37.50	+0.10	2.87
-do- Acc	55.80	58.90	+0.20	2.87
Second Gen	59.20	62.60	+0.20	3.60
-do- Acc	144.70	153.10	+0.40	3.60
Smaller Cos	56.50	59.70	+0.30	3.41
-do- Acc	107.00	113.20	+0.70	3.41
Trustee	37.50	39.70†	+0.10	3.99
Charibond 3	‡111.93	...	+0.80	9.63
Charifund 2	624.40	630.70	+2.50	5.19
Pension ex 1	848.20	869.50	+2.60	4.16
NAACIF Inc 3	‡45.75	...	...	7.79
-do- Acc 3	‡1080.2	...	+2.70	7.79
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680866				
Inv Port Inc	133.30	142.60	+0.07	2.08
-do- Acc	148.10	158.30	+0.07	2.08
UK Income	111.70	119.50	+0.42	2.74
-do- Acc	124.60	133.20	+0.42	2.74
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.93	80.13	+0.13	0.64
Far East (Pacific)	130.90	138.90	+0.70	0.66
Income Growth	71.31	75.70	+0.30	4.17
European	65.19	69.20	-0.17	1.34
Nth American	53.85	59.28	+0.14	1.12
UK Growth	74.63	79.22	+0.15	1.63
Intl Growth	89.26	94.75†	+0.36	0.59
Charities	108.30	114.90	+0.30	4.06

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.90	71.01†	+0.11	4.51
Japan	50.16	53.24†	+0.37	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	182.60	193.90	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	195.20	207.20	+0.70	...
Cash	101.20	101.20	...	5.57
-do- Acc	128.80	128.80	...	5.56
European Gth	187.50	198.80	-0.30	0.80
-do- Acc	200.70	212.80	-0.40	0.80
General	451.50	481.60†	-0.40	2.52
-do- Acc	858.70	916.00†	+0.40	2.52
Global Dist	130.10	136.80†	-0.10	5.34
-do- Acc	145.60	153.00	-0.10	5.34
Income	135.70	144.60†	-0.20	4.71
-do- Acc	198.60	211.70†	+0.30	4.71
International	371.00	395.20	+0.40	0.71
-do- Acc	492.10	524.30	+0.60	0.71
Japan	171.10	181.50	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	175.60	186.30	+1.00	...
New Europe	131.90	140.70	-0.20	1.84
-do- Acc	134.00	143.00	-0.20	1.84
Recovery	284.60	303.60	+0.20	2.95
-do- Acc	359.80	383.90	+0.20	2.95
European Inc	72.63	77.16	+0.02	3.16
-do- Acc	92.14	97.88	+0.02	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	70.92	75.98†	-0.05	3.33
-do- Acc	83.65	89.14†	-0.05	3.33
Portfolio	72.07	76.63†	-0.05	2.96
-do- Acc	81.95	87.15†	+0.06	2.96
Gold General	81.90	87.36	-0.57	1.07
-do- Acc	83.02	88.56	+0.57	1.07
Pacific	87.34	93.17	+0.25	0.90
-do- Acc	92.34	98.50	-0.28	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	49.83	53.16†	+0.19	2.13
-do- Acc	55.61	59.32†	+0.21	2.13
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.23	60.14†	+0.01	3.32
-do- Acc	57.08	61.05	+0.01	3.32
British Dist	75.97	81.25	+0.18	2.40
-do- Acc	86.00	91.98	+0.20	2.40
European Gth	163.20	174.30	-0.40	0.16
-do- Acc	204.90	218.80	-0.50	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.98	71.64†	+0.10	6.70
-do- Acc	117.90	126.10	+0.30	6.70
FT-SE 100 Index	47.99	51.33	+0.10	2.91
-do- Acc	47.99	51.33	+0.10	2.91
Gilt Fixed Int	56.74	58.03	-0.04	7.09
-do- Acc	146.60	152.70	-0.10	7.09
High Yield	215.60	230.60	+0.60	5.09
-do- Acc	494.70	529.10	+1.20	5.09
Income	273.60	292.60	+1.00	3.81
-do- Acc	568.70	608.20	+2.10	3.81
Japan Gth	319.20	341.40	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	336.90	360.30	-1.10	...
Mandarin Acc	93.16	99.64	-0.46	1.64
North American	158.10	169.10	-2.00	0.54
-do- Acc	198.80	212.60	-2.50	0.54
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	245.80	261.90	+1.00	...
Deposit Inc	100.04	100.04	+0.01	5.33
Deposit Acc	121.99	121.99	+0.01	5.33
Euro Gth Acc	258.30	276.40	+1.40	...
Europe	117.70	126.70	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	162.50	173.50	+0.10	...
Japan Tracker	71.33	75.51	+0.09	...
UK Equity Inc	142.90	152.80†	+1.00	4.27
-do- Acc	175.10	188.50†	+1.30	4.27
UK Ind Tracker	140.50	150.50	+0.50	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	183.60	194.70†	...	1.50
-do- Acc	194.20	205.90†	...	1.50
Asian Trader	147.00	159.50†	-0.10	0.49
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	158.80	162.50	+0.50	2.46
European	59.09	60.34	-0.02	1.20
Olympiad	51.73	53.19	+0.12	0.40
Global Bond	47.45	47.96	+0.01	6.63
Smaller Cos	63.50	66.19	+0.48	1.27
Equity Income	91.26	93.77	+0.20	5.13
UK Growth	81.25	83.58†	+0.05	1.84
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.07	48.07	-0.01	0.84
Australian Acc	282.20	313.50	+0.50	...
Conscience	62.58	66.78	+1.30	1.06
-do- Acc	67.20	71.71	+1.39	1.06
European	162.20	173†	-0.20	1.12
-do- Acc	174.50	186.10	-0.80	1.12
Extra Income	71.69	76.50	-0.03	5.80
-do- Acc	108.40	115.60	-0.10	5.80
Far East Gth	152	162.40	-1.20	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.28	60.63	-0.43	6.53
Gold	32.77	35.23	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	35.29	37.94	+0.20	...
Income	51.45	54.88	+0.19	5.12
-do- Acc	154.30	164.50	-0.50	5.12
International	27.93	29.96	-0.17	1.13
-do- Acc	40.13	43.05	-0.25	1.13
Jap Sm Cos Acc	302.80	322.90	+1.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	160.80	172.40	-0.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.19	26.01	-0.10	1.85
Special Sits	31.51	33.88†	-0.15	1.74
-do- Acc	36.23	39.02	-0.18	1.74
Tokyo	79.39	84.68	-0.57	...
-do- Acc	80.19	85.53	-0.58	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.20	71.49	+0.11	2.91
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.07	77.33	-0.02	7.51
N&P Higher Inc	188.70	200.80	+1.50	4.95
N&P UK Income	100.28	106.69	+0.39	4.07
N&P Intl	84.60	90.01†	+0.22	1.96
N&P Smaller Cos	70.67	75.19†	-2.20	1.73
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	156.30	166.29†	+0.02	2.33
Global	268.06	285.18†	-0.62	1.14
Growth	103.83	110.46†	+0.26	2.55
Income	196.18	208.71†	-0.06	4.43
Intl Bond	123.66	131.19†	-0.11	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.80	144.00	+0.30	2.51
-do- Acc	237.00	249.40	+0.60	2.51
Income	212.90	226.40†	+0.10	3.57
Intl Equity	214.00	227.60	+0.30	0.97
-do- Acc	234.30	249.20	-0.30	0.97
Equity	214.60	228.20	+0.20	2.37
-do- Acc	435.00	462.70	+0.40	2.37
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.68	71.99	+0.03	1.93
UK Income	59.06	62.82	+0.04	3.05
UK Smllr Co Acc	69.80	74.25	+0.45	1.54
New Europe Acc	59.38	63.16	-0.10	1.61
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.71	91.67	+0.02	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	95.21	101.83	+0.38	1.14
Intl Gth	455.19	486.84	-1.76	0.69
Income	286.43	306.35†	+1.19	3.46
W wide Recov	286.24	306.14	+0.82	0.58
American Gth	192.02	205.37	-0.29	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	173.49	185.56	+0.31	0.15
Far East Gth	201.26	215.26	-0.85	0.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.85	115.42	+0.43	1.09
UK Growth	74.11	79.27	+0.34	3.06
High Income	80.19	85.76	+0.26	4.50
Japanese Gth	199.16	211.39	-0.56	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	166.50	177.10†	-0.50	0.30
High Income	105.90	112.70†	-0.50	5.56
Conv Gilt	107.90	114.50	-0.40	6.44
Far East	285.50	306.90†	-2.30	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.56	49.53	-0.25	0.59
Emerging Mkts	59.02	62.79	-0.11	0.27
General	46.98	49.98	+0.04	3.43
International	51.26	54.45†	-0.02	1.32
Gilt Units	24.18	25.99	-0.14	8.14
Global PEP	34.35	36.54†	-0.05	2.14
Income Gth	63.16	67.19	-0.18	5.24
European	41.62	44.28†	-0.04	1.30
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.33	26.95†	-0.07	6.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.02	32.10†	...	1.62
Pru Cth Rvn Inc	101.63	101.63†	-0.01	5.30
-do- Acc	104.71	104.71†	-0.01	5.30
Pru Equity	646.84	691.80†	+2.08	2.45
Pru Equity Inc	79.22	84.78	+0.40	4.53
Pru European	166.88	178.48	-0.16	1.89
Pru Global Gth	77.02	82.37	-0.06	1.59
Pru High Inc	85.14	91.09†	-0.47	5.64
Pru Intl	154.29	165.00	-0.48	1.35
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.69	69.18†	-0.18	0.93
Pru Japanese	186.40	199.35†	-1.20	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.64	146.13	-1.00	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	71.16	76.10	+0.21	1.85
Pru Premr Inc	49.70	50.71†	+0.01	7.59
Pru Smllr Cos	79.95	85.50†	-0.57	2.02
Pru Spec Sits	96.88	103.61	+0.20	2.24
Pru UK Grwth	108.12	115.63†	-0.17	2.34
**Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.51	163.19	+0.15	3.63
NC Japan	255.55	273.82	-0.80	...
NC Maj UK Cos	92.50	99.52	-0.23	2.42
NC America Inc	455.15	488.34	-0.77	0.86
-do- Acc	528.66	567.20	-0.90	0.88
NC Smlr UK Cos	250.02	272.94†	+1.65	1.55
NC European	246.09	262.96	-0.40	1.33
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.02	74.48†	+0.30	3.92
Capital Units	139.40	148.20	+0.40	1.42
Commodity	94.50	100.50	+0.30	1.30
European Gth	146.20	155.50	-0.30	1.40
Financial Sec	167.60	178.20	-0.50	1.89
High Return	209.60	222.90	-0.80	4.57
High Yield	200.10	212.80†	+0.80	3.70
Income Units	107.30	114.10	-0.10	4.82
Investment	166.30	176.90†	+0.10	1.13
Japan Gth	142.30	151.30	-1.50	...
Japan Smaller	174.30	185.40†	-1.40	...
Masterfund	44.46	47.29	+0.17	0.95
Scotbits	244.00	259.50	-0.50	1.62
Scotshares	246.70	262.40	-0.50	2.68
Scotyields	218.00	231.90	-0.50	4.02
Select Intl	124.70	132.60†	-0.60	0.75
Smaller Cos	214.70	228.30†	-0.40	4.21
Special Situation	106.00	112.70	-0.30	0.75
UK Equity	219.50	233.50	-0.70	2.87
US Growth	132.40	140.80	-0.30	0.35
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	225.80	240.85	-2.93	0.57
-do- Acc	243.94	260.20	-3.16	0.57
Australian	129.73	138.37	-0.22	0.86
-do- Acc	152.51	162.67	-0.26	0.86
UK Enterprise	203.51	217.07†	-1.56	2.62
-do- Acc	235.09	250.76	+1.80	2.62
European Gth	58.74	62.65†	-0.18	1.31
-do- Acc	60.80	64.86	-0.18	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	55.38	59.07†	-0.26	0.34
-do- Acc	55.76	59.48	-0.25	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	65.69	70.06	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	66.75	71.19	-0.31	...
Fixed Interest	31.27	34.07†	-0.25	8.80
-do- Acc	62.26	65.66	-0.30	8.80
Gilt Income	101.09	106.54†	-0.91	8.55
-do- Acc	141.19	148.80†	-1.27	8.55
Income	302.52	320.55†	+1.58	4.05
-do- Acc	886.44	945.53	+4.66	4.05
Japan Enterprise	62.47	66.63†	-0.05	...
-do- Acc	62.47	66.63	-0.05	...
Japan Smllr Cos	415.30	442.98†	-0.61	...
-do- Acc	416.13	443.86	-0.62	...
Pacific Gth	87.66	93.50	-0.76	0.46
-do- Acc	90.26	96.27	-0.78	0.46
Smaller Cos	181.98	194.11†	+0.13	1.05
-do- Acc	208.56	222.46	+0.15	1.05
Tokyo	98.94	105.53†	-0.42	...
-do- Acc	99.93	106.60	-0.42	...
UK Equity	202.42	215.91†	+1.02	2.73
-do- Acc	374.86	399.84	+1.97	2.73
US Smllr Cos	126.45	134.82	-0.67	...
-do- Acc	126.45	134.87	-0.67	...
World Fd	68.37	72.92	+0.14	1.68
-do- Acc	72.08	76.88	+0.15	1.68
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.40	46.22	+0.33	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.81	66.89	+0.42	1.80
European Opps	70.59	75.18	+0.23	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.52	101.07	+0.04	5.43
UK Smaller Cos	48.90	52.08	+0.34	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	340.60	364.10	+0.80	2.77
American	233.70	248.30	-2.00	0.93
Pacific	312.80	334.60	-0.30	0.72
European	441.10	475.00	-0.50	1.26
Worldwide	76.53	81.85	+0.15	1.26
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	298.80	317.90	+0.20	2.60
UK Sm Cos Eqty	193.60	206.00	+0.70	2.18
European	321.10	341.60†	+0.20	2.09
North American	239.20	254.30†	+0.40	0.54
Income Plus Inc	64.39	68.51†	-0.01	3.67
UK Spec Sits	65.80	70.01†	+0.15	2.41
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.96	26.73†	+0.01	2.92
Intl Growth Acc	27.86	29.82†	+0.11	1.42
Global Inc Acc	30.56	32.71	+0.10	3.77
Market Lnkd Acc	25.69	27.50	-0.01	2.89
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.06	83.48†	+0.04	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.85	46.63†	-0.18	...
-do- Acc	46.43	49.37	-0.19	...
Far East Opps	29.94	32.23	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	30.76	33.12	+0.19	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	98.11	105.10	+0.40	2.01
Global Tech	107.60	116.20	-0.10	...
Income Growth	100.10	107.70	-0.40	3.47
Income Monthly	56.24	60.14	-0.04	4.27
Japan Growth	77.41	82.29	-0.20	..
Overseas Gth	72.70	77.52	-0.34	..
Smaller Cos	69.70	74.94†	+0.44	1.66
Special Opps	98.99	106.40	-1.10	2.17
Wld Spec Sits	45.06	48.64	-0.12	..
-do- Acc	45.16	48.75	-0.12	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	194.34	...	...	...
Global Bond	195.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	194.34	...	...	...
UK Growth	194.34	...	...	4.20
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.05	45.75	+0.20	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	57.99	61.51	+0.50	1.52
UK Eq General	41.41	44.00†	+0.30	2.39
-do- Acc	54.34	58.17	+0.30	2.39
European Acc	40.24	42.76	...	1.19
Far East Acc	52.82	56.13	+0.10	0.33
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.67	31.59†	...	6.73
N American Acc	41.54	44.14	-0.10	0.61
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	264.70	287.20	-0.20	1.53
UK Eq High Inc	34.48	36.64†	+0.30	4.05
-do- Acc	40.94	43.50	+0.30	4.05
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.90	309.20†	+1.70	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.90	402.50	+2.10	3.84
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.56	N253.79	...	1.16
US Eq	$2.081	$2.210	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y225.4	Y250.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y235.2	Y257.0	...	...
FT Europe	110.90	117.60	...	2.15
FT North Am	$1.702	$1.805	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y229.6	Y243.9	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.941	...	1.35
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	325.70	346.40	+0.20	0.31
British	910.50	969.70	+1.10	4.35
European	382.20	406.90	+0.60	1.46
Japan	136.60	145.10	+0.60	...
New Pacific	288.20	306.90	-0.20	1.28
Mngd Cash	95.59	95.59†	...	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.74	100.74†	+0.01	4.43
Inv Tst	180.30	191.10	...	1.86
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	717.50	767.40	+1.50	2.73
N America Acc	107.50	115.00	-0.40	0.13
Far East Acc	116.90	125.00	-0.20	...
W wide Bond	59.79	63.47†	-0.09	5.51
European	80.42	86.01	-0.16	0.20
Equity Income	81.10	86.74	+0.23	3.59
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.81	35.10	+0.06	0.64
Managed Assets	116.12	124.20	+0.11	3.27
UK Income	36.14	38.66	+0.04	3.13
UK Growth	35.74	38.23	+0.01	2.39
Worldwide Gth	29.89	31.97	-0.03	0.46
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	195.23	207.69	-0.52	0.01
-do- Acc	214.42	228.11	-0.57	0.01
British Gth	83.30	88.62†	+0.23	1.83
-do- Acc	98.01	104.27†	+0.28	1.83
European	91.24	97.06	-0.32	0.83
-do- Acc	96.24	102.38	-0.34	0.83
Extra Inc	179.93	191.42	+0.36	3.86
-do- Acc	287.04	305.36	+0.57	3.86
General Unit	256.36	272.72	+0.36	2.46
-do- Acc	505.85	538.13	+0.71	2.46
Income	315.08	335.19	+0.83	3.44
-do- Acc	641.77	682.73	+1.69	3.44
International	465.57	495.29†	-0.09	0.50
-do- Acc	609.45	648.35†	-0.11	0.50
Pacific	321.88	342.43	+1.69	...
-do- Acc	337.11	358.63	+1.78	...
Premier Income	50.02	52.10†	-0.01	6.59
-do- Acc	104.28	108.63†	...	6.59
Nat Resources	99.26	105.60†	+1.09	0.60
-do- Acc	108.87	115.82†	+1.19	0.60
Selected Opps	93.10	99.04†	+0.20	1.11
-do- Acc	116.56	124.00†	+0.25	1.11
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	66.79	71.24	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	68.89	73.48	-0.50	...
Cash	50.36	50.38†	+0.01	6.23
-do- Acc	61.50	61.50†	+0.02	6.23
European Opps	59.82	63.70	-0.04	0.46
-do- Acc	60.45	64.36	-0.04	0.46
Far East Opps	143.79	153.37†	+0.41	...
-do- Acc	147.14	156.94†	+0.42	...
Gold/Nat. Res	39.85	42.50	-0.22	...
-do- Acc	41.00	43.73	-0.21	...
Japan	78.03	83.08†	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	78.03	83.05†	+0.19	...
Little Dragons	63.53	67.76†	-0.17	0.73
-do- Acc	65.53	69.89†	-0.17	0.73
Oriental Income	41.27	44.02†	-0.08	3.61
-do- Acc	52.70	56.21†	-0.12	3.61
Tiger	203.61	217.18	+0.24	1.21
-do- Acc	214.48	228.77	+0.24	1.21
UK Small Cos	67.86	72.57	+1.78	2.19
-do- Acc	79.18	84.68	+2.10	2.19
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH1 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	13.88	14.76	+0.39	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.94	31.85	+0.07	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.65	37.92	+0.19	0.10
Global Bond	$0.978	$1.018	-0.002	7.26
Penny Share	20.82	22.14	+0.02	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.55	52.55	...	5.81
Gilt Growth	65.85	68.53	-0.03	...
Gilt Income	51.78	53.88†	-0.04	7.58
Short Dtd Gilt	106.40	107.80†	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.725	+0.000	...
Challenger	90.02	92.11	-0.05	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.74	71.00	...	2.01

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Carlton C	278	Land Secs	740	Scot Hydro	1,100
Abbey Nat'l	6,800	Coats Vyla	2,100	Legal & Gn	808	Scot & New	3,600
Alld-Lyons	2,400	Cm Union	149	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Scot Power	2,700
Anglian W	390	Courtaulds	619	MB Cardn	2,500	Sears	9,200
Argyll Gp	3,300	De La Rue	544	Marks Spr	4,800	Svrn Trent	1,400
Arjo Wig	813	Eng China	493	NFC	1,200	Shell Trans	4,700
AB Foods	244	Enterpr Oil	1,200	NatWst Bk	6,200	Siebe	780
BAA	1,400	Fisons	4,600	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	1,400
BAT Inds	4,500	Forte	1,600	Nth Wst W	1,100	Smith Nph	2,800
BOC	1,200	GRE	3,500	Nthrn Fds	912	Sthrn Elec	1,000
BP	7,000	GUS A	699	P & O	2,800	Std Chartd	620
BT	8,400	Gen Acc	429	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,000
BTR	5,000	Gen Elec	4,200	PowerGen	366	TI Gp	511
Bk of Scot	4,200	Glaxo	5,300	Prudential	2,700	TSB	4,300
Barclays	4,800	Granada	1,200	RTZ	4,200	Tate & Lyle	723
Bass	2,100	Grand Met	4,200	Rank Org	1,100	Tesco	6,600
Blue Circle	3,300	Guinness	2,200	Reckitt Col	650	Thames W	2,000
Boots	3,400	HSBC	2,300	Redland	1,500	Thrn EMI	820
Bowater	508	Hanson	17,000	Reed Intl	902	Tomkins	4,800
Brit Airwys	2,200	ICI	7,700	Rentokil	560	Unilever	1,000
Brit Gas	13,000	Inchcape	1,200	Reuters	1,200	Utd Bisc	1,800
Brit Steel	16,000	Kingfisher	1,100	Rothmans	495	Vodafone	5,100
Burmah C	393	Kwik Save	1,200	Ryl Ins	4,600	Wellcome	4,000
Cable Wire	1,400	LASMO	837	Ryl Bk Scot	12,000	Whitbd 'A'	1,800
Cadbury	1,200	Ladbroke	2,800	Sainsbury	2,800	Wilms Hld	778

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3460.24 (+20.80)
S&P Composite .... 444.72 (+1.09)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19591.31 (-181.70)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6759.24 (-9.15)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 111.3 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1705.4 (+11.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1666.74 (-0.13)

FT 30 share: .... 2262.3 (+18.8)

Brussels:
General .... 6225.66 (-53.49)

Paris: CAC .... 524.68 (-2.82)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 493.6 (-1.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1412.88 (+6.55)
FT 500 .... 1542.29 (+7.20)
FT Gold Mines .... 119.9 (-1.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.60 (-0.20)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.58 (-0.41)
Bargains 29413
SEAQ Volume 703.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 134.08 (+0.93)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 22/4/93: Avesco, Austin Reed Ord & 'A', First Tech, French Connection, Kewill Systems, McCarthy & Stone, NMC Wts, Ratners, Sanderson Elec, Sleepy Kids, Telemetrix, Tadpole Tech. Puts: Austin Reed Ord & 'A', Clinton Cards, First Tech, NMC Wts. Puts & Calls: Fisons, Regalian.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 42097	Jun 93	2892.0	2900.0	2877.0	2893.0	10983
	Sep 93	2909.0	2913.0	2909.0	2916.5	350
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 302166	Jun 93	93.95	94.00	93.80	93.91	29449
	Sep 93	93.97	94.05	93.75	93.90	45979
	Dec 93	93.90	93.99	93.60	93.81	23945
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 17072	Jun 93	96.78	96.79	96.77	96.78	1085
	Sep 93	96.68	96.69	96.66	96.68	592
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 511852	Jun 93	92.63	92.83	92.50	92.82	68996
	Sep 93	93.37	93.66	93.32	93.65	56675
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 1	Jun 93				112-04	0
	Sep 93				110-26	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 64641	Jun 93	105-17	105-23	104-12	105-06	77604
	Sep 93	103-22	103-22	103-22	104-12	9
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	109.55	109.68	109.55	109.67	2136
	Sep 93				108.97	0
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 148382	Jun 93	95.73	96.28	95.58	96.27	97308
	Sep 93	96.07	96.45	96.02	96.55	31
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19506	Jun 93	91.72	91.84	91.65	91.83	1757
	Sep 93	92.60	92.70	92.55	92.68	698
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 34262	Jun 93	95.34	95.39	95.29	95.37	5473
	Sep 93	95.74	95.79	95.70	95.78	1165
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 44871	Jun 93	95.75	96.95	95.70	96.90	19395
	Sep 93	95.94	96.30	95.93	96.85	42

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.7 (day's range 79.9-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7589-2.8000	2.7965-2.8000	⅛-⅜ds	1-1¼ds
Brussels	50.49-51.28	51.17-51.28	8-12ds	23-28ds
Copenhagen	9.4170-9.5570	9.5420-9.5570	3⅛-4⅞ds	9⅞-11⅞ds
Dublin	1.0075-1.0208	1.0194-1.0208	21-27ds	58-68ds
Frankfurt	2.4563-2.4878	2.4845-2.4878	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	227.45-230.34	229.87-230.34	240-253ds	573-616ds
Madrid	177.71-181.40	180.70-181.40	112-128ds	317-352ds
Milan	2346.90-2370.80	2366.10-2370.80	10-12ds	30-33ds
Montreal	1.9419-1.9544	1.9523-1.9544	0.23-0.14pr	0.42-0.26pr
New York	1.5400-1.5495	1.5485-1.5495	0.36-0.35pr	1.09-1.06pr
Oslo	10.4220-10.5410	10.5270-10.5410	1⅞-3⅛ds	4⅝-6⅝ds
Paris	8.2920-8.4000	8.3860-8.4000	2¼-2¾ds	5⅞-6⅝ds
Stockholm	11.3690-11.5060	11.4890-11.5060	3-4⅞ds	8⅞-10⅞ds
Tokyo	169.63-170.53	170.33-170.53	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.26-17.53	17.48-17.53	2⅞-3⅞ds	5⅞-7⅞ds
Zurich	2.2411-2.2592	2.2561-2.2592	¼pr-par	½-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5439-1.5465
Australia dollar	2.1648-2.1678
Bahrain dinar	0.575-0.587
Brazil cruzeiro*	46121.8-46151.9
Cyprus pound	0.727-0.737
Finland marka	8.4795-8.5955
Greece drachma	330.75-337.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9459-11.9553
India rupee	47.82-48.78
Kuwait dinar KD	0.459-0.469
Malaysia ringgit	3.9734-3.9776
Mexico peso	4.68-4.78
New Zealand dollar	2.8530-2.8602
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7145-5.8405
Singapore dollar	2.4998-2.5031
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1116-7.2709
S Africa rand (com)	4.9040-4.9103
U A E dirham	5.5955-5.7195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4007-1.4017
Austria	11.29-11.31
Belgium (Com)	33.01-33.05
Canada	1.2602-1.2607
Denmark	6.1575-6.1625
France	5.405-5.410
Germany	1.604-1.605
Hong Kong	7.7295-7.7305
Ireland	1.523-1.524
Italy	1524.0-1527.0
Japan	110.05-110.15
Malaysia	2.571-2.572
Netherlands	1.798-1.799
Norway	6.7985-6.8025
Portugal	148.0-148.5
Singapore	1.6175-1.6185
Spain	116.5-116.8
Sweden	7.4075-7.4125
Switzerland	1.4538-1.4548

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[11/16]; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5[25/32]-5[23/32]	5[25/32]-5[23/32]	5[21/32]-5[19/32]	5[25/32]-5[21/32]	
Sterling Money Rates	5[29/32]-5[11/16]	6-5⅞	6[1/16]-5[15/16]	6⅛-6[1/16]	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank	5[15/16]-5[11/16]	6-5⅞	6[1/16]-5[15/16]	6⅛-6[1/16]	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 5.

Local Authority Deps	5⅞	n/a	6	6	6⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅞-5[13/16]	5[29/32]-5[27/32]	5[15/16]-5⅞	6[1/16]-6	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs	3.00-2.95	n/a	3.06-3.01	3.13-3.10	3.33-3.29
Building Society CDs	5[29/32]-5[27/32]	6-5⅞	6-5[15/16]	6⅛-6[1/16]	6⅛-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2[15/16]	3⅛-3[1/16]	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	8⅛-8[1/16]	8⅛-8[1/16]	7[15/16]-7[13/16]	7⅛-7½	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc	9⅝-9⅛	9⅛-8[13/16]	8[1/16]-[11/16]	8⅛-8⅝	9⅝-8⅝
Swiss Franc	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5[1/16]	5[1/16]-5⅛	4[11/16]-4[11/16]	5⅛-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $338.80-339.10 Close: $339.60-340.00 High: $339.60-340.00 Low: $336.70-337.20 Krugerrand: $339.00-341.00 (£218.50-220.50)
Sovereigns Old $80.90-83.50 (£50.00-52.00) New $80.90-83.50 (£50.00-52.00)
Platinum: $365.50 (£235.80) Silver: $5.93 (£2.53) Palladium: $115.50 (£74.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	37	50	56	24	33	40
(*572½)	600	14	28	34	55	62	67
ASDA	67	8½	12	-	5½	7½	-
(*69½)	76	6	8	-	10	12½	-
Bass	550	30	43	50	26	32	45
(*554)	600	12	24	30	60	65	75
Boots	460	51	63	68	10	15	20
(*498)	500	26	39	45	25	31	38
Br Airways	280	26	34	38	14	18	24
(*288)	300	14	24	28	25	29	34
BP	300	15½	23	28	16	22	25
(*296½)	330	6	11½	17	38	41	44
Br Steel	90	11	14½	17	8	9½	11½
(*93½)	100	6½	9½	12½	13	16	18
C & W	700	54	68	77	24	33	40
(*734½)	750	27	41	53	51	59	66
CU	580	58	65	-	12	21	-
(*620)	629	27	35	-	31	43	-
Courtauld	550	32	47	55	25	34	41
(*563½)	600	11½	24	33	58	65	70
GKN	420	52	57	-	7	14	-
(*460½)	460	25	32	-	21	31	-
ICI	1200	115	128	150	29	51	63
(*1288)	1250	82	103	123	45	74	85
Kingfishr	584	34	47	-	27	38	-
(*600)	632	15	27	-	59	67	-
Land Sec	500	29	35	40	17	21	29
(*524)	550	7	13	18	53	57	60
M & S	330	32	40	46	8	11	16
(*357)	360	14	24	30	21	25	30
Sainsbury	460	33	46	52	21	27	32
(*478)	500	15	26	34	44	50	55
Shell	550	46	54	60	8	15½	20
(*579½)	600	17½	27	33	32	41	44
Smkl Bch	460	33	43	57	27	36	44
(*463½)	500	17	29	40	49	59	60
Storehse	200	17	22	28	15	21	25
(*205)	220	7	15	19	29	33	37
Trafalgar	83	13	17	-	4½	8	-
(*92)	92	8	13	-	8½	13	-
Unilever	1100	67	90	106	25	34	42
(*1120)	1150	33	62	76	49	58	65

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	50	53	63	8½	14	21
(*430)	420	27	37	47	20	26	33
Ladbroke	160	27	31	35	7	13	16
(*174½)	180	15	21	25	15	24	28
Utd Bisc	360	40	49	57	12	17	23
(*384)	390	24	33	42	24	32	35

April 22, 1993 Tot: 31052 Call: 17037 Put: 14015 FT-SE Call: 2619 Put: 3679
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	33	44	61	9	28	37
(*769)	800	7½	24	36	38	57	64
BAT Ind	850	38	67	80	14	30	50
(*869)	900	15	42	57	37	55	77
BTR	600	27	43	52	6½	15	28
(*619)	650	5	18	27	35	38	53
Br Aero	280	32	49	59	9	24	30
(*308½)	300	17	40	50	16	31	43
Br Telcm	420	12	23	29	9	25	27
(*419½)	460	3	7½	13½	41	50	53
Cadbury	460	27	41	53	4½	13	22
(*482)	500	6	20	32	25	34	42
Guinness	460	31	47	57	5	15	24
(*485)	500	8½	25	35	25	35	42
GEC	300	21	27	31	3	10	14
(*317½)	330	4½	10	15½	17	26	29
Hanson	220	23	25½	29	1½	5	8½
(*241½)	240	7	13	18	5	13½	17½
LASMO	140	15	22	28	5	9½	15
(*150)	160	5	13	20	14	21	25
Lucas	130	11	17	22	4	9½	16
(*135½)	140	6	13	16½	10	15	21
P & O	550	25	46	59	8	23	41
(*565)	600	5½	20	36	38	51	69
Pilkingtn	120	12	18	21	4	6	11
(*130)	130	7	11	16	7½	12	16
Prudential	300	34	41	46	1½	5½	11
(*337½)	330	10	22	28	8	16	23
RTZ	600	55	74	85	2½	12	22
(*650)	650	17	40	55	18	32	44
Scot New	460	18	31	38	10	25	32
(*467)	500	3½	14	22	35	50	57
Tesco	220	15	24	31	5	11	15
(*229½)	240	5½	14	31	15	21	26
Thames W	500	32	37	45	3½	17	25
(*525½)	550	5	12	21	28	48	53
Vodafone	360	29	38	50	4	15	21
(*382½)	390	9	22	34	16	29	35

FT-SE INDEX (*2879)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
May	146	102	60	33	15	6
Jun	162	122	86	57	37	20
Jul	171	136	109	81	59	39
Aug	198	162	131	102	79	60
Dec	-	234	-	172	-	127
Puts						
May	8	13½	27	50	88	132
Jun	21	33	46	68	101	138
Jul	33	46	63	86	115	147
Aug	46	61	79	101	129	160
Dec	-	107	-	147	-	201

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	20	32	41	12	22	27
(*396½)	420	8½	19	27	30	39	44
Amstrad	35	3½	6	8	3	5½	6
(*35½)	40	2	4	5½	6½	8	8½
Barclays	420	28	40	51	12	25	32
(*431½)	460	10	22	33	36	47	55
Blue Circ	220	32	38	43	5½	12	16
(*244½)	240	19	27	32	12	19	26
Br Gas	280	33	35	39	3½	7	13
(*311)	300	16	22	27	9	14	21
	330	4	10½	14	30	33	40
Dixons	200	25	29	36	7	15	19
(*218)	220	12	20	28	17	26	30
Eurotnl	420	30	50	65	25	40	52
(*427½)	460	13	33	45	55	67	75
Forte	180	25	32	35	4½	9½	13
(*198)	200	12	20	25	12	18	24
Glaxo	550	68	89	99	13	24	41
(*601½)	600	35	60	72	31	48	65
	650	16	38	52	64	77	95
HSBC	600	59	78	93	14	27	39
(*631½)	650	28	52	68	34	50	61
Hillsdwn	140	18	25	29	4½	8	12
(*153½)	160	7½	14	19	15	18	23
Lonrho	80	10	13½	16½	4½	7½	10
(*84½)	90	5	9	11	9½	13	15½
Reuter	1250	90	128	160	23	49	70
(*1305½)	1300	57	97	130	45	70	88
R-Royce	120	18	23	26	4	7½	10½
(*132½)	130	11½	17	21	7½	12	15½
Sears	100	9	12	15	4½	7½	10
(*106)	110	4	7	10	10	12	15
Thrn Emi	850	51	70	80	14	37	46
(*852½)	900	22	41	55	37	63	75
TSB	180	19	25	29	5½	12	15
(*192)	200	8½	14	20	15	22	26
Vaal Reefs	45	6	7½	9	4	6	7
(*$47)	50	3½	5½	7	6	9	10
Wellcome	750	50	80	100	33	55	76
(*760)	800	27	60	78	65	84	103

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	21	30	31	11	18	22
(*167)	180	12	20	22	26	25	34

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	33	43	48	4	18	25
(*486)	500	8½	20	28	21	40	46

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	24	33	43	7	14	17
(*344½)	360	8	18	28	22	28	31
Scot Pwr	310	17	21	26	6½	15	16½
(*317)	330	6½	11½	16	16	26	29

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa remained range bound, despite the lower than expected Dutch cocoa grind figures. The data, which provides a fair indication of consumption, comes after a 5.48% fall in Germany, and 11.9% and 21.3% increases in the UK and US respectively. The Dutch figure came as a disappointment to some traders who were looking for a 5% rise.

LONDON FOX COCOA

May	674-673	Jul	765-763
Jul	688-686	Sep	780 SLR
Sep	700-699	Dec	803-800
Dec	719-717	Mar	827-820
Mar	739-737		
May	752-750	Volume: 8327	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	875-873	Jan	870-867
Jul	857-855	Mar	880-875
Sep	855-853	May	887 SLR
Nov	862-860	Volume: 1480	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	288.3-85.0
Spot: 294.5		May	290.8-86.5
Aug	304.0-03.0	Aug	295.3-89.5
Oct	289.4-88.0	Oct	288.3-80.5
Dec	287.4-85.0	Volume: 1105	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.29	139.76	138.39
(+/-)	-2.15	-5.25	-0.37
Eng/Wales:	90.26	140.42	137.50
(+/-)	-2.19	-4.35	-0.95
(%)	-2.4	-28.9	-27.3
Scotland:	92.54	130.54	141.56
(+/-)	+0.87	-16.57	+1.41
(%)	+44.4	-54.8	-8.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	113.5	113.5	Nov	105.0	105.0
Oct	105.0	105.0		Volume: 13	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	145.75
Jun	146.90
Sep	107.75
Nov	109.85
Jan	112.75
Volume: 260	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	141.35
Sep	106.90
Nov	109.40
Jan	112.25
Mar	113.75
Volume: 52	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	unq
Jun	139.00
Aug	139.80
Oct	143.50
Dec	147.30
Volume: 100	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	43.0	44.7
Apr	92.0	92.4
May	unq	100.5
	Volume: 33	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
May 57.75-58.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): After Wednesday's flurry of wet activity, buyers were harder to find.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	-0.25
Brent 15 day (May)	18.55	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.70	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.10	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.30	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 207 (n/c)	Offer: 209 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	183 (-1)	185 (-1)
Non EEC 1H May	180 (n/c)	181 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	175 (-1)	176 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	180 (n/c)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	175.75 SLR	Aug	173.50-74.00
Jun	173.00-73.25	Sep	175.50 SLR
Jul	172.75-73.00	Oct	178.75 SLR
		Vol: 13303	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.72-18.73	Sep	18.93 SLR
Jul	18.72-18.73	Oct	n/a
Aug	18.80-18.83	Vol: 16182	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	203.50-04.00	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	204.00-06.00	Sep	217.00 SLR
Jul	205.00-10.00	Vol: 74	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1525	1518	1523
May 93	1510	1504	1507
Jun 93	1400	1395	1397
Jul 93	1290	1285	1285

Vol: 267 lots. Open int'st: 3090 Index 1513 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1214.0-1215.0	1235.5-1236.0	1559300
Lead (£/tonne)	270.50-270.75	280.50-281.00	94875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.0-1006.5	1025.5-1026.0	214150
Tin ($/tonne)	5585.0-5590.0	5642.0-5645.0	4440
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1088.0-1088.5	1110.0-1110.5	786550
Nickel ($/tonne)	6050.0-6055.0	6110.0-6112.0	37530

Gains extended

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 19. Dealings end May 7. §Contango day May 10. Settlement day May 17. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1	Ocean Wilson	Transport	
2	Berkeley Gp	Building,Rds	
3	Rugby Group	Building,Rds	
4	Treat	Foods	
5	Boots	Industrial	
6	Hammerson	Property	
7	Charter Cons	Industrial	
8	Welsh Water	Water	
9	Wilson (C)	Building,Rds	
10	Stonehouse	Drapery,Strs	
11	Manpower	Business Serv	
12	Westbury	Building,Rds	
13	INSTEM	Electrical	
14	Cardo Eng	Industrial	
15	Filofax	Paper,Print	
16	De La Rue	Industrial	
17	Western Areas	Mining	
18	Furward Gp	Electrical	
19	Maunders (J)	Building,Rds	
20	Ellis & Everard	Chems,Plas	
21	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
22	Courts Furnish	Drapery,Strs	
23	Acatos & Hutch	Foods	
24	Norcros	Industrial	
25	Bemrose	Paper,Print	
26	CRA	Mining	
27	Bullough	Industrial	
28	Lloyd Thomp	Insurance	
29	Wace	Paper,Print	
30	Williams Hldg	Industrial	
31	Mansfield	Breweries	
32	Eurocamp	Leisure	
33	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Strs	
34	Heywd Wlm	Building,Rds	
35	Sherwood Gp	Drapery,Strs	
36	Persimmon	Building,Rds	
37	Morrison (W)	Foods	
38	MFI	Drapery,Strs	
39	Yorks Chem	Chems,Plas	
40	Central TV	Leisure	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	565	-3	...	...	=
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air Londonۥ	62	+7	...	4.8	11.4
50	38	Alcock Lakes	44 §	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	160 §	...	5.3	3.4	...
108	84	BET Ord	98	-3	...	8.5	14.1
77	41	BNB Rs	77	+2	4.9	8.0	...
318	258	BPP	295	...	8.0	3.5	15.7
285	230	Barbour Index	280	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Bowmaker	18	...	0.7	4.2	...
226	194	Brit Data Mgt	210	+2	...	2.4	17.5
14	11	Broadcastۥ	14	...	...	...	11.2
84	54	Brooks Service	64	...	...	...	...
304	86	CMT Gp	296	...	2.4	2.4	40.2
173	139½	Caplan Group	164 §	...	...	1.8	8.6
90	31	Casket Plc	38½	...	0.5	1.6	14.7
53	49	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
43	31	Chrysalis	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Clubb Sec	278	+3	...	1.3	30.7
33	18	Comaco	30	...	...	...	...
18½	½	Corp Services	16½	...	...	...	...
60	50	Dext	60	...	3.3	5.3	9.1
231	198	Domino Service	230	...	...	4.3	=
106	85	EW Fatsۥ	97	...	4.3	5.6	11.1
18	11	Gardiner	18	+2	0.6	4.6	=
37	27	Gardner (DC)	37	+1	...	...	...
246	225	Hays	227 §	...	4.6	2.5	22.3
220	175	Hogg Robinson	183	...	6.3	4.3	13.7
70	55	Holmes Protectionۥ	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hunch Wharnp	155	-1	...	3.1	=
£1,225	£650	ISS B DKr	£113	-250	...	1.0	23.7
637	532	Inchcape	£612 §	+6	...	2.8	23.7
663	609	Johnson Clean	628	...	...	26.7	3.0	=
12	½p	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	215	...	2.7	1.6	17.7
187	145	Manpower	1833	+8	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	=
279	217	Pennaco	273	...	...	0.9	68.2
4½	2	Prime Peoples	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	115	-3	12.0	13.6	...
423	385	RCO	390	...	18.2	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.8	4.4	...
68	48	Reed Executive	63	+3	...	...	...
136	115	Reliance Secs	116	...	...	4.8	11.7
228	206	Ryan	214	-1	3.3	1.5	26.7
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	6.2	2.3	17.8
393	343	Salvesen (C)	369	+1	7.0	2.4	20.4
35	29	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securicorۥ	182	...	9.4	6.5	9.6
b	b	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
953	695	Serco Gp	950	...	14.0	1.8	=
352	252	Sherwd Comps	310	+1	...	2.9	=
170	93	Staticky	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	332	Werner Bowtd	337	+2	...	2.3	19.0
42	28	Wolpac	28	...	2.6	12.7	...
25	14	WRS Gp	24½	+1	...	0.5	37.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
363	284	Meyer Int	360	+2	16.5	4.7	17.0
4	4	Mikkin Gpۥ	4	...	...	...	...
107	62	Mowlem (J)	107 †	+3	4.0	4.7	...
78	63	NISA	63	...	...	...	...
51	48	Nexdor ۥ	48	...	...	4.0	21.4
141	108	Newman Tnks	141	+5	...	7.1	18.8
279	197	Persimmon	277	+5	8.6	3.9	28.3
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochin	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
96	80	Pressac	93	+2	3.4	4.6	=
6½	4½	Quilligotæ	6½	...	...	...	...
674	555	RMC Gp	668 †	-2	20.0	3.7	=
117	90	Raine Ind	100	...	6.0	7.5	16.7
38	30	Ransomsæ	31	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	441 †	+1	...	7.1	31.3
75	64	Rmkrl	67 †	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
354	307	Rugby Group	352	+4	6.4	3.2	=
42	25	Svitzl-Eyeæ	42	...	...	...	...
108	68	Sharpe & Fisher	94 †	...	4.0	5.3	...
172	110	Sheffield Insl	161	...	5.4	4.2	26.0
88	82	Sherriff Hdgsæ	85	...	...	2.8	14.3
95	66	Shorrocks	79 †	...	...	8.0	=
228	205	Smart (J)	209	+2	8.5	5.1	9.4
5	4	Starmile	5	...	0.3	7.5	6.6
142	103	Tarmac	141½	+½	5.5	4.9	58.5
196	137	Tay Homes	170	+6	5.8	4.1	11.4
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	110 †	-3	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tibbett & Britt	620	+10	33.0	5.5	=
38	19	Tilney Group	38	...	...	2.2	4.6
203	168	Travis Perkins	203	+12	...	4.0	20.7
36	30	Try Group	32 †	...	1.0	3.0	9.1
38	29	Tudor ۥ	38 †	...	...	1.1	...
48	41	Tyldesley & Holt	48	...	3.6	7.5	11.0
40	30	Ward Hldgs	36	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	441	-2	10.7	3.1	=
14	8	Wernicke ۥ	14	...	...	...	...
143	90	Westbury	143	+4	...	4.2	...
12	4½	West Scaffoldæ	6	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
4550	3211	Wilson Bowdn	4550 †	+86	87	2.4	30.9
198	147	Wilson (C)	170	+6	3.5	2.5	=
173	107	Wimpey G	172	+3	5.2	3.8	=
42	25	YRM	40	...	4.0	...	4.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	223	Allied Colloids	226	+2	3.8	2.2	18.0
759	613	Amersham	703	+2	15.5	2.2	26.0
7	4	Anglo Ind	4	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	£325	BASF DM	£700	...	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	260	...	8.8	4.6	17.6
£139	£104½	Bayer DM50	£130½	-250	...	5.2	...
182	134	Biogen	169 †	+8	9.5	5.3	17.5
165	137	Bristol Chems	147	+1	7.4	6.3	...
530	488	Br Bio-Tech	450	...	...	...	...
30	18	Caird Gp	29½	+½	1.3	6.8	=
153	127	Canning (W)	132 †	-1	7.2	6.9	...
650	560	Chemtech Int	584	+3	13.0	2.2	15.3
279	228	Croda	229 †	+10	7.75p	3.5	=
146	121	Docdex	128	...	4.6	4.5	9.8
200	175	Ellis & Everard	200	+5	7.0	4.4	18.2
28	15½	Euro Colour	22	...	0.6	3.7	...
291	259	Fairhead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
235	194	Hickson	223 †	...	8.0	4.5	=
£154½	£125	Hoechst	£135	-162½	...	7.9	=
216	195	Huntsby Chem	215	+1	...	2.2	19.8
1288	1068	ICI	1288	+52	58.0	5.3	32.0
688	581	Laporte	657	+19	19.5	3.7	=
229	190	Leigh	193	...	7.8	5.1	15.7
19½	11	MTM	18	...	1.8	...	2.4
1620	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1585½	...	...	...	...
420	330	Paterson Zochi	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
395	360	-do- 'A'	391	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
286	254	Pigus	254	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Prowarn	208	...	3.6	2.1	22.3
13	7½	Sandlife Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	465 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.9
490	395	Whitshire Gp	448 †	...	17.0	4.7	=
390	346	Yorks Chem	381	+6	...	2.4	20.9
366	340	Yule Catto	366 †	+1	5.9	2.5	=

DRAPERY, STORES

106	63	Alexon	89	+6	3.0	4.2	...
65	45	Amber Day	65	+6	3.1	4.6	23.0
267	202	Argos Plc	209	...	...	2.8	21.2
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	102	...	0.3	0.3	=
305	283	Asprey ۥ	289	...	...	2.1	23.5
235	188	Austin Reed	235	+47	5.0	2.7	...
155	128	Bestdle (S) 'A'	143	...	5.3	5.1	15.6
121	97	Bentalls	112	...	1.9	2.1	=
273	208	Betterwear	258	-2	...	0.6	35.5
31	22	Blacks Leis	23	...	3.5	...	4.7
227	153	Body Shop	215	...	1.6	0.7	34.8
18	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	...	...
401	318	Brown (N)	363	-1	6.0	2.1	22.5
84	64½	Burton	81	+½	...	3.1	...
146	126	Camcos	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
295	235	Church	295	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
185	135	Clinton Cards	158 †	+10	4.2	3.4	=
267	212	Coats Viyella	243	-1	...	3.7	26.7
106	78	Colorvision ۥ	88	...	...	...	14.9
677	574	Courts Furnish	677	+6	5.0	1.2	21.9
155	115	Crown Tpcs ۥ	155	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Daisy Farm Ind	100	+1	...	3.7	=
65	51½	Dewhirst (J)	62½	...	1.0	2.0	=
194	164½	Dixons Grp	218	+6	6.0	3.4	25.6
390	330	Dunhill	390	...	7.2	2.5	11.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
520	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	=
115	73	Essex Furn	103	...	1	1.0	17.5
233	201	Etam	229	+10	6.9	3.0	=
562	499	Fine Art Dev	552	-2	11.0	2.5	21.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formtrimmer	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
91	74	French Connæ	90	...	...	...	...
21	14	Gabbiæ	16	...	2.0	...	9.2
63	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	35	...	1.8	...	...
2865	2600	GUS	2840	+27	40.0	1.8	20.6
1725	1563	-do- 'A'	1725	+21	40.0	3.0	13.3
69	34	Hampden Gpæ	34½	...	...	3.5	=
277	101	Hardware	109	-3	4.8	5.6	6.7
255	20	Helene Pl	252	-3	2.0	11.2	=
39	30	Hardiggæ	34	...	...	...	...
165	135	Hepworth	165	...	...	3.3	14.4
189	128	Hse of Lennæ	185	...	10.3	7.0	=
63	43	Jacques Vert	60	+2	2.0	...	...
498	398	Kingfisher	480	+11	...	...	...
69	45	Leslie Wise Gp	65	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
695	495	Liberty	655	+25	7.2	1.4	=
313	265	Lloyds Chem	310	+11	5.5	2.2	12.2
152	120	MFI	135	+7	...	5.1	21.7
360	311	Marks Spencer	359	+2	16.0	4.5	16.6
500	445	Menzies (John)	499	+2	10.0	2.5	16.6
165	135	Moss Bros	153	...	5.0	4.1	29.5
194	139½	Next	164½	+1½	2.5	1.9	=
26	15	Oliver (G)	25	...	...	...	...
237	197	Oriflame Ind	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
65	45	Pennos	49	...	1.5	3.9	=
315	255	QS Hldgs	285	+5	5.1	2.3	20.0
19	11	Ramsons Group	19	+1	2.4	10.4	...
39	29	Rhino Grp ۥ	39½	+1	...	...	...
170	137	Sherwood Gp	170	+6	2.6	1.9	=
106	93	Sears	106	+½	...	4.1	20.1
460	400	Smith WH 'A'	450	+15	13.4	3.7	15.9
156	...	Stonehouse	205	+3	5.0	3.0	...
153	153	T & S Stores	156 †	+2	5.0	4.7	11.6
133	71	Tic Bank	133	...	2.7	4.5	=
180	150	Time Products	170	...	7.5	4.7	14.9
103	63	Usher (Frankie)	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
47	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
49	35	Wensume	49	...	...	...	9
78	58	Wickes	78	...	...	...	43.5
104	78	Wid of Leathers	91	...	...	...	=
191	146	Wyevale ۥ	191	+1	...	2.6	=
...	...	Yeo-Valleyæ	4	...	...	...	3.9

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	153	+1	4.5	3.7	15.1
238	223	Acalæ	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162	38	Acorn Computæ	109	+3	...	...	21.7
480	385	Admiral	444	+1	5.4	1.5	18.8
131	101	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
19½	...	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	35½	...	0.4	...	...
45	34	App Hse ۥ	34	+½	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	15	...	...	...	...
37½	25½	Arlec	37	...	...	...	...
260	250	Beales Hunter	250	+2	9.2	4.1	14.7
9	3½	Bennett & Fouldsæ	3½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	368 †	-2	19.2	6.7	24.3
575	455	Blick	480	...	9.3	2.4	18.7
1650	1120	Borlandæ	1500	+100	...	...	...
349	274	Bowthorpe	313	-4	6.3	2.5	=
449½	376	BT	419½	-7½	14.4	4.3	15.6
6	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	5½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	+7	13.2	2.3	22.7
780	689	Cable Wireless	735	...	...	...	...
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
291	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
107	74	Compir People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
158½	109½	Corp Elect	145	+3	...	0.4	11.9
353	343	Crichley	349	...	...	2.5	22.0
520	414	Delta	487	+1	14.0	3.6	=
298	205	Dennistone Hse	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
630	490	Domino	519	...	9.2	1.7	17.6
68	48	Downing MIPs	55	...	2.5	3.7	18.1
1048	865	Druck ۥ	1018	+3	...	1.2	24.8
411	358	Electrocomponents	398	+2	7.0	2.2	21.3
191	115	Crown Tpcs ۥ	155	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
570	470	El Desn Pic	555	...	2.3	3.4	26.2
88	43	Electron House	88	+3	...	...	...
20	10½	Emess	20	...	0.1	0.6	=
442	327	Euromarm	387	...	8.0	1.7	20.7
158	108	FKI	138	+2	2.3	2.2	25.0
391	340	Farnell Elect	379	+3	5.4	1.9	20.7
40	33	Feedtrackæ	40	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	15½	+1½	...	...	...
177	101	First Tech	170	...	...	...	...
213	81	Forward Gpæ	212 †	+7	...	2.0	=
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
329	264	GEC	317½	+1½	9.6	3.0	16.8
182	135	Gresley	178	...	10.9	7.7	=
39	30	Hillcrave ۥ	39	...	...	...	...
470	451	Hoskyns Gp	466	...	2.4	0.6	59.0
120	83	INSTEMæ	105	+3	...	2.8	7.4
328	320	Jones Stroud	328	...	8.0	2.6	46.5
10	8	Kembrey	10	...	0.3	4.7	3.8
321	280	Kenwood App	309	...	...	...	16.4

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

403	345	Abbey Nt	398	+8	11.5	3.6	15.3
255	179	Allied Irish	248	-2	...	6.1	14.7
176	120	Anz New Z	163	...	...	5.9	...
3820½	2831½	Bankamerica	3790½	-30	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	238	...	...	5.0	38.1
325	325	Bk Lesnl UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	135	+1	6.3	4.0	31.3
491	362	Barclays	433	...	15.1	4.4	=
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
685	385	Cater Allen	685	...	26.0	6.2	...
18	15	Castles	115	...	...	4.6	15.3
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2131½	-½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1812½	-50	...	...	...
345	280	Close Bros	335	...	...	3.7	14.5
£125½	£95½	Commercialæ	£125½	...	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£305	-100	...	3.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1171	+15	...	0.4	63.1
450	343	Gerrard Nat	450	+5	21.0	5.8	...
654	490	HSBC	650	+5	19.0	3.8	=
634	474	HSBC HK	613	-5	19.0	3.9	=
358	263	Hambros	340	-1	13.8	5.1	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	-2	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	...	8.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	389	+2	16.0	5.1	13.5
573	462	Lloyds	541	+8	18.4	4.3	15.5
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Asst Bk	419	...	...	5.2	13.6
685	398	Nat West	672½	-2½	17.5	4.6	28.7
693	574	Provident	650	+3	28.5	4.3	14.7
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	46.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	270	+8	8.8	4.1	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1825	+37	22.0	1.5	18.3
754	576	Stand Chart	750	+4	...	3.3	...
193	149½	TSB	192	+3	6.4	4.3	...
119	78	Union Disc	119	+2	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	669	+6	18.0	3.4	19.8
227½	185	-do- 'NV'	224	...	...	3.4	...
7850	4945½	Wells Fargo	7362½	...	...	1.4	...
163	121	Westpac	163	+3	...	5.0	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	3.7	7.9

BREWERIES

549	547	Allied-Lyons	575	+9	20.0	4.3	13.3
347	333	Bass	554	-5	18.9	4.3	12.3
258	189	Boddington	250	...	7.3	3.6	14.6
475	382	Bulmer (HP)	405	...	9.0	2.3	16.4
159	120	Burtonwd Brw	159	...	4.4	4.0	10.7
307	261	Devenish (JA)	304	-2	7.8	3.2	17.1
98	75	Ekaridge P 'A'æ	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
69½	54½	Foster Brewing	59½	...	...	5.5	7.1
360	338	Fuller Sm 'A'æ	353	...	3.1	0.9	14.9
490	411	Gibbs Mew	429	+9	12.3	3.6	14.2
422	388	Greenalls Grp	410	+2	11.7	3.6	13.6
563	505	Greene King	555	+1	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	485 †	...	...	...	...
230	180	Hardy Hanson	228	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.9
78	78	-do- 'A' LVæ	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
288	255	Highland Dist	283 †	-2	8.6	2.7	14.8
3125	2538	Hoit J	2698	+52	55.0	2.0	31.9
36	33	Hopkins Brw	34	...	...	...	...
333	250	Invergordn Dist	333	...	...	7.0	3.3	=
186	157	Macallan-Glen	157 †	...	...	0.9	37.7	38.3
465	375	Macdn Mantn 'A'	375	...	...	8.0	2.1	11.8
739	655	Mansfield	738	+7	13.6	2.1	15.9
256	231	Minton Thmp	243	...	...	4.9	2.5	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	427	...	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	255	Mrydwn W	293	...	...	...	3.0	18.0
498	455	Nthn Brd	480	+2	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
21	6½	Paramountæ	19½	...	...	...	2.1	18.2
950	263	SA Breweries	810	+47	...	...	3.3	=
452	408	Scot & Nwc	446	+7	4.6	16.1	1.0	12.7
198	181	Taunton Cider	197	+2	...	...	3.0	18.4
242	213	Vaux Group	230	...	...	9.3	5.1	15.9
264	225	Wetherspoon JD	256	+1	...	2.3	20.7
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	462	+10	16.9	4.6	13.0
1180	850	-do- 'P'	1085	+10	16.9	1.4	24.0
613	361	Wolverhampton D	363	...	...	11.4	2.5	15.8
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Phone lines in a twist

Competition is cutting the cost of calls, but causing confusion, **Matthew May** says

The high and wildly differing costs of making a telephone call from one EC country to another are becoming an increasing embarrassment to proponents of the single European market.

There are national telephone monopolies in all the EC countries except Britain. It means that calls across Europe can cost up to six times as much as national calls while the cost of a call from one country to another can be twice the cost of the same call in the opposite direction.

The answer is to have EC-wide competition in the telecommunications market to force prices down. Though it is something many EC officials have long promoted they have recently had to back away from plans to force a partial liberalisation by 1996 as unlikely to gain sufficient support.

The latest proposal, expected to be presented to EC telecommunications ministers at a meeting in two weeks' time, will suggest that full competition for all domestic and international calls should not be introduced until 1998.

For once BT can bask in a righteous glow since — perhaps contrary to public perception — its call charges to Europe are among the lowest of all EC countries.

For British customers the argument for calls becoming cheaper lies in America: Britain's telephone charges are no bargain when the two countries are compared. The difference in the price of transatlantic calls, in particular, has led to a thriving business for some "dialback" companies which offer European businesses cheaper transatlantic calls by dialling them back using calls initiated in America.

The decision last week by AT&T, the giant American telephone company, to apply for a DTI licence to start services in Britain is expected eventually to force British call charges down. In America a price war between AT&T and its major competitors, MCI and Sprint, has seen prices for long-distance calls drop sharply over the past three years.

But AT&T's arrival is also likely to increase what is beginning to be another problem. As the rest of Europe will eventually discover, while competition drives prices down complicated charging methods can make it very difficult for individual subscribers — particularly residential customers — to decide which is the cheapest system for their particular phoning pattern.

When choosing between Mercury and BT, the advice is that Mercury tends to be cheaper for those making a lot of long-distance and international calls. But comparisons are not simple. For example, while BT charges its customers per whole unit Mercury charges for the time actually used.

BT has made the situation more complicated, particularly for domestic customers, by introducing special offers that can make calls on certain days cheaper and are deliberately designed to put people off using competitors.

Calls to Australia and New Zealand via BT, for example, were considerably cheaper if made on a Saturday last month, while in January BT "celebrated" the advent of the single market by temporarily cutting the cost of off-peak calls to EC countries for a month by almost 25 per cent.

Domestic calls also got the special-offer treatment last November and December when a "Sunday Special" allowed people to call anywhere in the UK after 3pm on Sundays for the price of an off-peak local call.

Dismissed as "one-off gimmicks" by the National Consumers Council, such offers make it increasingly difficult for residential customers to decide whether it is worth signing with Mercury or one of the cable television companies which are now offering telephone links to subscribers.

Analysts predict that AT&T's entry into the market will result in a whole range of new offers being made available — such as all local calls being free if a higher rental is paid. More competition is good news for customers in that it will inevitably mean cheaper calls, but working out which service will be cheapest for which calls could be the biggest headache.



Making a charge-card call: but the rates for calls are becoming complex as competition increases

A new voice in a box

People who suffer sudden speech loss can restore some of their communication skills by using a device that replays important phrases and sentences over the telephone.

The electronic device, Claudius II, can be programmed by a friend, speech therapist or carer with up to 48 useful phrases which can be replayed instantaneously at the touch of a button.

Someone suffering sudden speech loss, a handicap often linked with illnesses such as motor neurone disease or throat cancer, can use these to hold telephone conversations with friends and family and to alert the emergency services or a family doctor.

Claudius, the size of an A4 sheet of paper, is also portable allowing someone with speech loss to hold a limited, face-to-face, conversation with a member of the public.

Kelvin Currie, of BT's action for disabled customers unit, said that a football fan, planning on travelling to a match, could have the device programmed in the morning with phrases such as "A day return ticket to Wembley" or "A programme please".

The device — which has been developed at BT's Martlesham Laboratories near Ipswich in collaboration with speech therapists and DVI Smith and Associates — has been undergoing tests.

Marjorie Halfpenny, whose husband Neville was diagnosed with motor neurone disease just over a year ago, says: "It is a lifeline. If he is alone he can call the doctor. He can answer the telephone even if I am there. We have various buttons which play back phrases about the garden, the weather or fishing.

"He can also ring our two sons. He has buttons which say 'Hello, this is your Dad'," says Mrs Halfpenny.

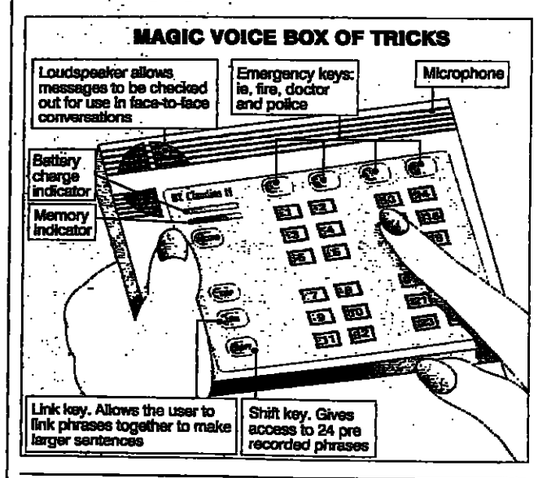
For more complicated conversations Mr Halfpenny, 61, makes use of a Yes or No button. "This is useful if it is a stranger. He has one button which says he has a speech problem and is using a machine; please ask him questions and he will reply Yes or No."

The device also has a button which allows Mr Halfpenny, a retired county court bailiff from Norfolk, to link pre-programmed phrases together to make even more elaborate sentences.

Claudius II, which plugs into a normal telephone socket, costs £290 although it may be available free from a speech therapist.

BT says that call charge rebates of up to 60 per cent can be arranged through the text users rebate system, run by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

NICK NUTTALL



ONLINE

A chip of your chip

ADVANCED Micro Devices says it will immediately produce its own version of Intel's 486 microchip after a court decision in the United States.

The court has ordered a new trial over a dispute between the two companies as to whether AMD has a valid license to use Intel microcode.

"The wordwide computer industry has been held hostage to an unfairly maintained monopoly on 486 microprocessors," claims Jerry Sanders, chief executive of AMD.

Flashing keys

FOR THE budding musician who is eager to play a tune but cannot remember how it goes, a Japanese company is introducing an electronic piano that will hum a few bars.

To play Matsushita's £1,300 piano, to be called "I can play the piano", all one has to do is to listen to the voice that sings the melody and press the keys that flash.

Spend, spend

SIGNS of a recovery in manufacturing have been reinforced by a CBI survey showing that spending on innovation surged last year.

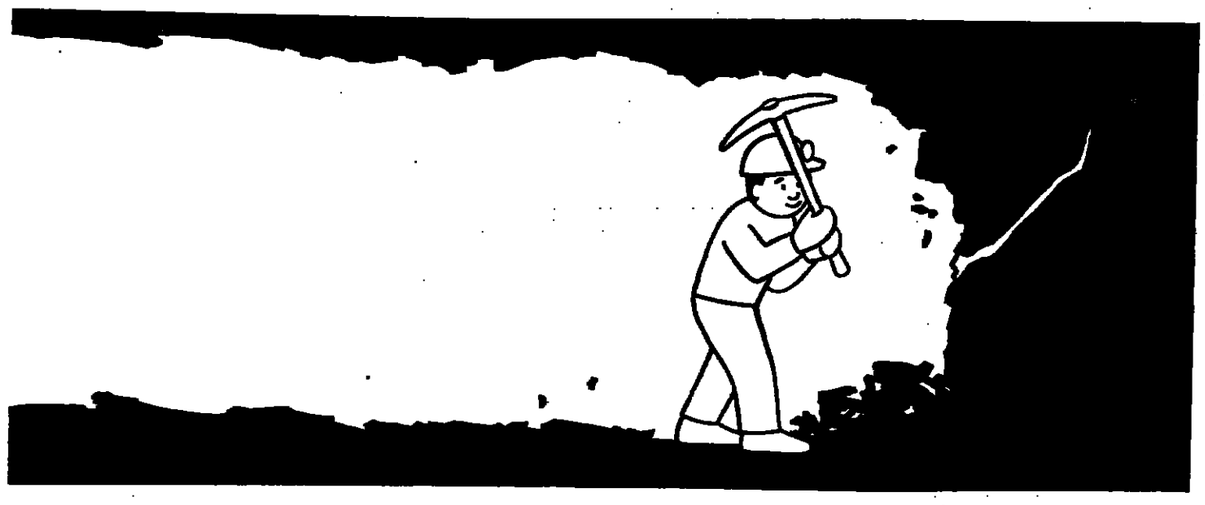
More than 40 per cent more manufacturers reported increases than falls in capital investment to support the introduction of products and processes in 1992.

Bouncing hams

RUSSIA has signed an agreement to ferry into space an Israeli satellite designed by engineering students to improve ham radio communication worldwide.

The satellite, due to be launched in two years, will enable ham radio operators across the world to communicate more effectively by bouncing signals off the orbiting mechanism.

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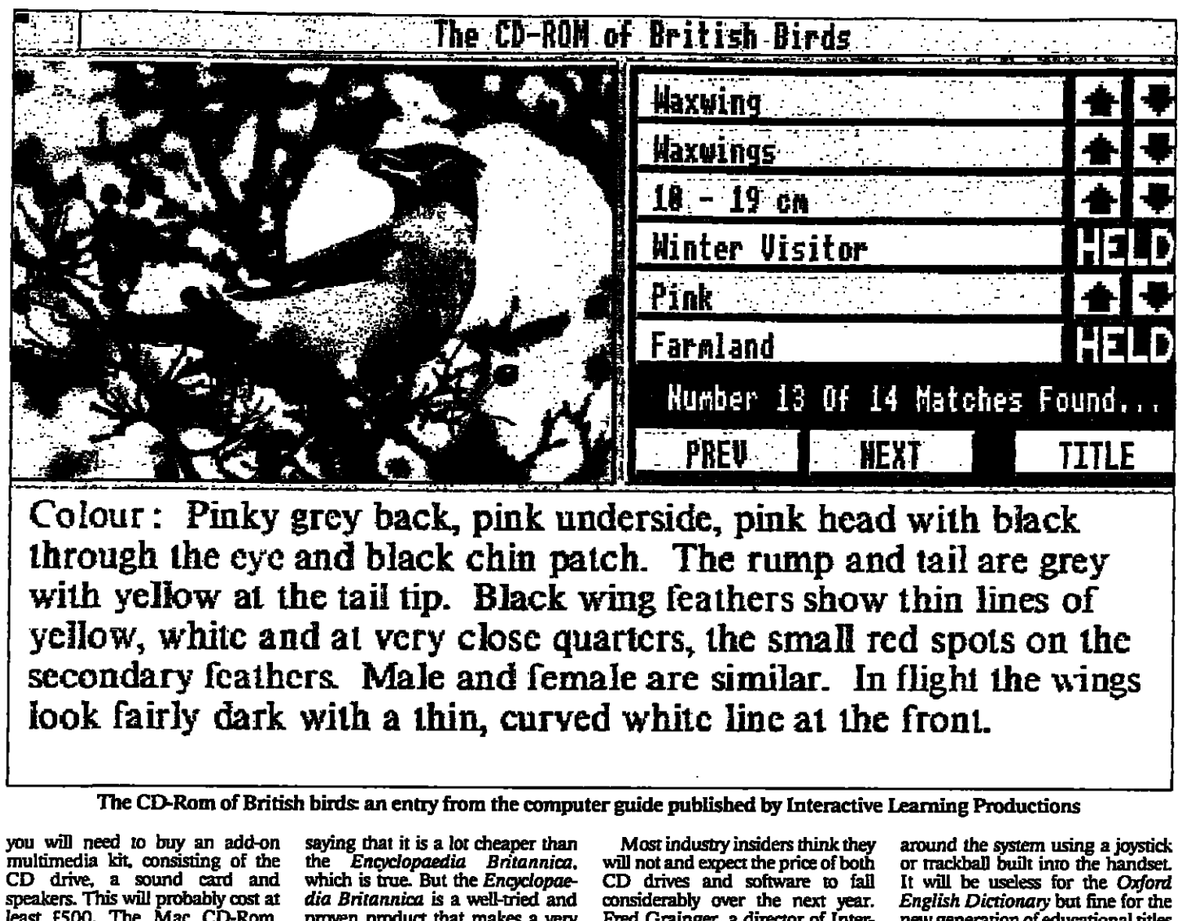
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Flight of fancy or golden egg?

David Hewson on the CD-Rom, which computer firms are hoping will be the next big idea to catch on



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The CD-Rom of British birds: an entry from the computer guide published by Interactive Learning Productions

There are no small ideas in computing. The next thing is always the next big thing. And the next big thing is CD-Rom, a technology full of excitement, promise and, the computer business hopes, profit.

Unfortunately it was the next big thing last year, too, so a grain of salt is needed in this, as in so many other, personal computing topics.

CD-Rom discs are simply a computer version of the compact disc used in hi-fi systems. Instead of containing only high quality sound, the CD-Rom one can be loaded with an enormous amount of computerised information including moving television images, sound, music or text.

Each disc can store up to 600 megabytes of data and costs less than £1 to manufacture. A conventional hard disc of this capacity will cost several hundred pounds, be many times larger and heavier, and is clearly not suitable as a medium for distributing computer software.

A CD-Rom disc is "played" by inserting it into a compatible disc player attached to the computer. Present CD titles include a wide range of reference works, from a years' issue of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and an increasing range of interactive material, including talking, cartoon "books" for children, musical titles which combine text with performances and educational courses.

The best CDs combine attractive TV-quality video graphics and sound on the personal computer for the first time and, the industry hopes, could help sell hardware into the majority of homes which now live happily without a PC.

Most consumers have still to be convinced about CD-Rom, and with some justification. It is a medium riddled with pitfalls, even for the relatively technically literate.

The most reliable CD-Rom systems are those based around Microsoft Windows 3.1 and the Apple Macintosh. A number of early CD titles work under DOS, but they can be unreliable.

Most mainstream development work now centres either on Windows or the Mac, or both. If you want to turn your existing Windows PC into a fully fledged CD machine you will need to buy an add-on multimedia kit, consisting of the CD drive, a sound card and speakers. This will probably cost at least £500. The Mac CD-Rom, which includes sound in the basic computer system, is cheaper, at under £300, but is still an expensive extra for the home.

CD drives vary widely in price and performance. Some of the cheaper, older ones now being sold through the magazines are far too slow to cope with the high level sound and graphics being programmed on to the latest CD titles, though you need to be fairly well read, and interested in the fine print, to discover it.

Buying CD titles can also be an expensive business — and sometimes ludicrously so — since the pricing of titles on offer is more in line with large computer software packages than the bookshelves of W. H Smith.

Microsoft's new Encarta CD encyclopaedia, for example, has been seven years in the works and boasts a vast store of information which would occupy a large bookshelf in the average home.

Microsoft defends the £300 price saying that it is a lot cheaper than the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, which is true. But the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* is a well-tried and proven product that makes a very visible addition to the sitting room, even if you never use it. Encarta, however, is a single compact disc which looks much like the latest release from Right Said Fred.

Single issue CD titles, such as children's books, can start at about £40. While the average price for a CD-Rom — about £100 at the moment — might appeal to a business, school or college, it would be an expensive hobby for any home users.

> The CD-Rom could replace books and is available as an encyclopaedia

Will the public really be happy paying £14 for an audio CD, and several times that price for its computer equivalent, however stuffed full of information and jolly pictures it may be?

Most industry insiders think they will not and expect the price of both CD drives and software to fall considerably over the next year. Fred Grainger, a director of Interactive Learning Productions, Newcastle, predicts that prices will halve once the technology becomes a genuine consumer item.

His company publishes a variety of British educational titles on CD-Rom including a definitive guide to British birds and a new government-sponsored course on National Curriculum French. Part of the equation for getting CD-Rom into the home also involves the production of a new type of CD system, a disc player which does not require a computer and can be hooked straight into the television screen, much like earlier CDi and CDTV systems.

Games manufacturers are already moving into dedicated CD systems, and the American 3DO company, backed by some large manufacturing companies, is working on a £500 home CD system for release within a year.

These units will probably have no keyboard — you will work your way around the system using a joystick or trackball built into the handset. It will be useless for the *Oxford English Dictionary* but fine for the new generation of educational titles which are based around a "point, click, do" interface.

Always try to see a CD title before you part with the cash for it. Some CD books are superb and quite addictive, such as most titles from the American specialist children's publisher, Living Books.

Other titles on the market are embarrassingly bad. Some are plainly amateurish attempts to jump on the CD bandwagon, whenever it arrives. Others are grossly over-ambitious and make graphical demands which most personal computers of today cannot meet, and end up being painfully slow as a result.

In the long run, say some of the computer sages, CD-Rom will herald the birth of a new publishing age. For the time being, it is best to remember that they are only a medium — just like the paper, film and music of which they seek to be a synthesis. If the idea or execution are bad, on CD-Rom they just happen to be bad in a very noisy and visual way.

Two for the price of one

A video recorder for Video 8 and VHS is about to be launched

Goldstar, the Korean electronics company, will this autumn launch a product that thousands of video camera enthusiasts have long been waiting for — a video recorder that plays both VHS and Video 8 tapes and can transfer pictures from one format to the other.

The £600 machine, due to go on sale in September, will make it much easier for owners of Video 8 camcorders — combined video cameras and recorders — to transfer their recordings on to VHS cassettes.

Although the Goldstar machine will be welcomed by many camcorder users, its arrival will not be so well received by those companies promoting camcorders that use the VHS formats or by companies who market pre-recorded video tapes.

The VHS system was developed by the Japanese electronics company JVC in the 1970s and has become the world standard for home video recorders.

But while VHS recorders dominate the home market, VHS camcorders have not sold so well. This is because VHS cassettes are the size of a paperback book, which makes VHS camcorders large and bulky.

The Video 8 system — so-called because it uses video tape that is 8mm wide — was developed in the 1980s and makes use of improved microchip and tape technology. As a result, Video 8 machines can store several hours of sound and pictures on a cassette the size of an audio tape.

The Japanese company Sony launched the first Video 8 camcorder in 1985, but sales were slow, partly because Video 8 tapes are not compatible with VHS recorders. Video 8 users have to link their camcorder up to a television or copy shots on to VHS tape to view their recordings, but this format now accounts for more than 60 per cent of the British camcorder market.

"Many people do not think about editing when they first buy a camcorder, but later on they want to make copies for their friends or relatives, or cut out the boring bits of their home movies," says Eric Kingdon, the technical information manager of Sony UK.

The video industry has anticipated the launch of combined VHS/Video 8 recorders for a long time, but opposition by the film and parts of the video industries has delayed their arrival.

They do not like double-deck recorders because they make it easy for consumers to copy tapes, even though there are few pre-recorded Video 8 tapes around.

For this reason, Goldstar's machine records on to VHS tapes only — the Video 8 section is for playback. However, in Japan only, Sony has launched a VHS/Video 8 deck which records in both directions.

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Golden shot: filming with a Sony Video 8 Handycam camera

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Why women are still logged out

The ideal computer worker would have the best male and female qualities, says Chris Partridge


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A female student uses a computer at the Seneca Technology School in Maidstone, Kent, but will social attitudes end that interest?

Computerphobia may sound like a trivial condition with a simple cure: stay away from computers. But according to new psychological research, computerphobia may be the main reason so few British women become programmers or systems analysts.

Only about 10 per cent of the workforce in the information technology sector are women — a figure which seems unlikely to improve in the near future — and just 11 per cent of the intake of degree courses in computer science are female. (In America, 45 per cent of computer science graduates are women.)

At more senior levels, women disappear almost completely. Research suggests that powerful social pressures may deter women from entering computing.

Mark Brosnan and Dr Marilyn Davidson, of the School of Management at Umist, say they have found that women suffer, far more than men, from an irrational fear and dislike of computers. They also discovered that this fear is not caused by any biological difference between the sexes, but almost certainly because of pressure from society to conform to a "feminine" role, and the fact that using computers is considered a masculine pursuit, even though women can be just as competent and creative with computers.

The researchers questioned several hundred students, about half from each sex, to find out how "masculine" or "feminine" they saw themselves, and their attitudes and anxieties about computers.

"Masculinity was correlated with less anxiety and less negative attitudes towards computers for both sexes," they concluded in a paper presented to a British Psychological Society conference. Computers are therefore seen as tools for the rugged, macho type — an attribute bestowed by society on men and frowned on in women, who are supposed to be soft, sensitive and intuitive.

The research shows this is a psychological, not a physical, gender difference. Men who consider themselves highly feminine in nature suffer computerphobia more than the macho type, and the tomboy sort of woman is less likely to be afraid of computers than her more conventionally feminine sisters.

Mr Brosnan explains: "The typical male is seen in our culture as someone who defends his beliefs, is assertive and aggressive; a female is sympathetic and understanding... At an early stage computers are built up as boys' toys and masculinised, so girls feel it is an inappropriate activity."

Where boys are not present to muscle in on the computer, girls have no inhibitions about the technology. "In girls' schools, computers are feminised and referred to as 'her', but in co-educational schools they are very much a boys' activity," Mr Brosnan says. "Once women start in computing, they do just as well as men."

Mr Brosnan says that years of male domination of computer science has made the area even more hostile to women: "Software is very much designed for boys because software designers have been men designing for male clients."

The best sort of computer programmers are likely to be androgynous, Mr Brosnan says. Not a sexless wimp, but a person with the best attributes of masculinity and femininity.

Two women who overcame the cultural bias against them to become computer professionals were in the finalists in this year's Young Woman Engineer award. Neither studied computers at school.

Helen Rose, a 24-year-old software development engineer at Lucas Aerospace in Birmingham, did science because computers were not on the syllabus at her co-educational school. "I prefered the sciences, although in the physics class I was the only girl," she says. Nowadays, she has her own Atari ST to use on her day-release college course.

Wendy Mawdsley, a 23-year-old computer systems manager at British Aerospace, Preston, did not study computers at school, either. "Although it was an all-girls school, it was not encouraged," she says.

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Office work is becoming simpler as developers offer users price-cutting bundles, reports

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Geoffrey Boot, of FM&L, seated in his aircraft with his portable computer, which he uses for navigation programs

Plain sailing in a world of confusion

Five years ago the buyer of mainstream business applications — word processing, database applications and spreadsheets — was spoilt for choice. Whether the company was a big organisation using a mini or mainframe computer, or a smaller one with a handful of personal computers, hundreds of different programs at varying levels of price and capability were available.

One irony of computing today is that a wide choice of individual software packages is a thing of the past. For many companies, the software world is starting to revolve around a small number of well-known application families based on PCs.

The days of the specialist software house are far from over, but their role in the future is likely to be in the realm of niche applications and tailoring industry standard packages to individual needs.

Domination of the mainstream computing world by a handful of companies stems from a combination of developments that have reshaped the face of business computing.

Downsizing, the abandonment of old mini systems for cheaper, more powerful, networking PCs, has made everyday business software applicable to tasks that used to be the realm of specialist systems.

Even if companies want to retain their dedicated minicomputer systems of old, more and more are turning to PCs, running common industry software tailored to their specifications.

The rise of Microsoft's Windows as the common business-computer front end also has left out in the cold those software suppliers that were slow to develop adequate Windows-type versions of their existing programs. Businesses increasingly want easy-to-use Windows solutions, on industry standard PCs, backed by the confidence that comes with buying from one of the big names.

These changes have left many user companies, unable to afford the luxury of a well-thought-out IT strategy, in a quandary. Typical of them is MF&L, a small private firm with property, farming and leisure interests run by Geoffrey Boot. MF&L's operations have been run on PCs for several years. Various property-management packages have been adopted as the company's portfolio has grown. Accounts, word processing, and lettings software have found their way on to the system, while Mr Boot, a keen pilot, has also added to his notebook computer costing and navigation programs for his own aircraft.

The resulting mix of old and new technology can be seen in offices everywhere. The company now uses more than ten different packages for tasks that, today, look similar.

Although each application works well enough on its own, the system's pre-Windows origins mean that the individual packages have little facility for sharing data.

For example, word processing and invoicing are very much stand-alone operations, and staff often have to type in the same piece of information twice when writing to customers. Mr Boot says: "We want to get more out of our computer operations. On the other hand we do not want to go through the process of starting again in five years' time. So it is important to us to invest in something easy to use that we know will be around then."

The kind of solution Mr Boot is considering is one that is attracting many small businesses today: a Windows-based office pack consisting of a common word processor and a spreadsheet capable of being tailored to handle sophisticated data tasks as well as financial planning.

Microsoft started the office-pack bandwagon rolling last year by launching Office, a bundle of its word-processor Word, Excel, and Powerpoint presentation package. All are typical Windows applications, similar in design and relatively easy to master.

> 'We want to get more out of our computer operations, not start again in five years'

Microsoft's group approach to software design means that its word processor, spreadsheet and presentation programs actually use the same "mini program" for common tasks, such as drawing or creating a graph, making the learning and data-sharing process even simpler. The pricing of the bundle was competitive in the extreme — PC users of any remotely similar rival application were able buy Office for £300, little more than the price of many single-function packages.

Software companies are never slow to catch up on a new idea, and other companies have come into the market to compete against Microsoft on the same terms. The closest rival is Lotus, which has a similar bundle, with its Ami Pro word processor, 1-2-3 spreadsheet and Freelance Graphics, also for £300.

But Borland, for example, has its hands somewhat tied in the game since it does not have a big-name word processor to include with its package. Until at least the end of this month, however, its Quattro Pro spreadsheet and Paradox database, both for Windows, are being offered for £160. The list price — academic in the competitive market that has now emerged — is nearly £700.

With software choice diminishing, the winners of an applications war now are likely to remain on top for years — something which explains the extra-cheap pricing. The investment in training and design involved in adopting a new office system, particularly one as revolutionary as a switch to using Windows, is substantial.

Only a few users will blithely contemplate ditching it for different applications in a few years' time, however technically superior a new application may be. Customers want to buy software solutions, make them work, have their staff master them and then get on with their business.

A world with limited choice is usually an expensive one for the customer. The good news is that some of the very best of today's personal computerr software can now be had at bargain prices. The sting in the tail could be the unexpectedly high cost of sticking with a chosen standard a few years down the line.

A flavour of the alphabet soup

Add a pinch of salt, and make sense of the UN standards set for modems

If modem advertisements drive you mad with confusion, blame the United Nations. More specifically, blame the Comité Consultatif Internationale de Telegraphie et Telephonie, a Geneva-based organization that is part of the UN's International Telecommunications Union.

The CCITT recommends communications standards that are in use throughout the world for modems, computer networks and fax machines. This way the modem that you install in Singapore talks the same language as the bulletin board in Brazil.

The CCITT is responsible for all the alphabet soup you see in advertisements for modems. Before getting into the soup it is probably best to address the question of speed. A decade ago it was pretty straightforward. You bought a 300 baud modem or a 1200 baud modem. Roughly speaking, that meant the modems either talked back and forth at 300 bits of information per second or 1,200 bits per second.



Today, however, many of the modems on sale are fax-modems, meaning they will send and receive standard faxes as well as operate like a regular modem, letting you establish a two-way exchange of information — including programs — with other similarly equipped devices.

A description of a fax modem will probably have a line in it that looks like this: 96/96/24. Usually, the first 96 means that the modem will receive faxes at 9600 bits per second.

The second figure will sometimes be a 48. That means that it will send faxes at 4800 bps (9600 bps sending is faster) and the third figure will be the speed of the modem. In this case, 2400. Of course, you can get all kinds of speed combinations. The more expensive fax modems, of course, have faster modems. Faxes are pretty much locked into 9600 bps.

Most modern-day modems, however, operate at standard speeds ranging from 2400 baud to 14.4 thousand bps. Exceptions exist, but it is probably not a good idea to buy a modem that operates at less than 2400 baud because there will be an increasing number of places that will not let you communicate.

And, besides, virtually all of these modems allow you to communicate at lower speeds. No matter how fast the modem "speaks," it can log onto a computer at a lower speed.

Sometimes it is not a good idea to try to transmit and receive data at high speeds. When the telephone line between two computers has noise on it, the modem should speak slower for a more legible exchange.

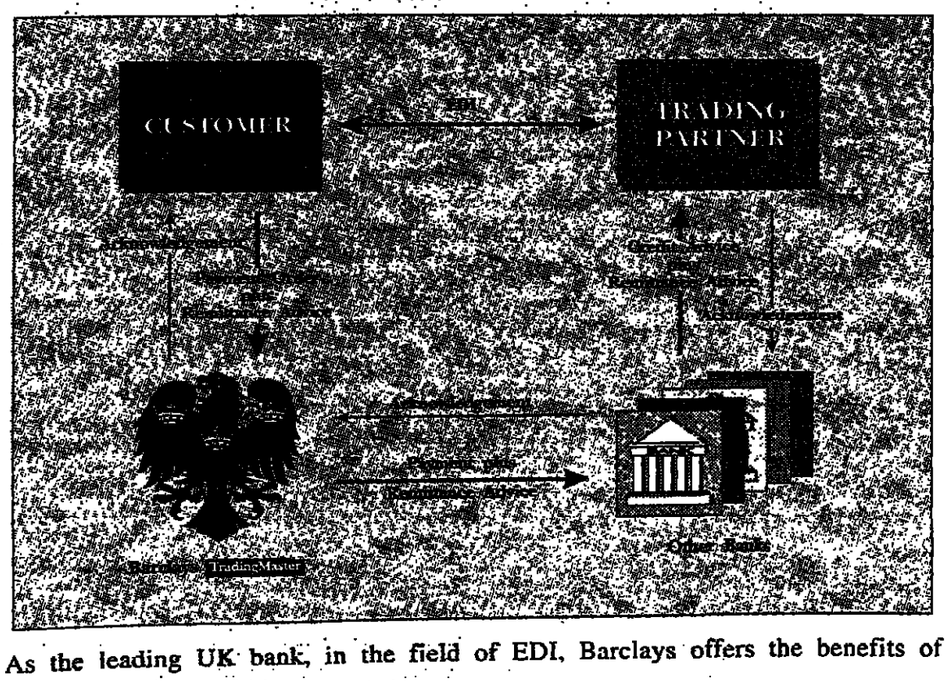
Some modems have the ability to automatically drop back to a lower speed when line quality is impaired. Some can even "fall forward" after establishing a handshaking arrangement with another computer.

That is what the "v-dot" standards are for. They describe how the modem handles communication speed.

These are the ones you are likely to see:

- v.22bis is a CCITT standard for communications at 2400 bps. The standard includes an automatic fallback to 1200 bps when line quality degrades.
- v.23 is a CCITT standard for modem communications at 1200 bps used in Britain.
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Ordering by numbers

Electronic trading is growing fast and now even small companies are catching the bug

In 1988 buyers from Tesco, the supermarket chain, approached the sales department of Colgate-Palmolive (UK) and said that in future they wanted to stop sending their orders for toothpaste and other stock on paper through the post.

Instead, the orders would come straight from Tesco's computer down a telephone line into the order-processing system on Colgate's computer.

Tesco argued that not only would electronic trading speed Tesco's ordering process, but Colgate would no longer need to re-key all the order data into its computer, eliminating a source of errors. Also, Colgate would be able to reverse the process and send its invoices to Tesco down the telephone line. Tesco pointed out that all its major suppliers were being asked to do the same.

This method of transacting business is called EDI or electronic data interchange, more popularly called paperless trading or electronic commerce.

Shortly afterwards, Colgate received the same request from Sainsbury's supermarket chain, and several other big retailers which had just set up Tradanet, a network for the retail industry, under the umbrella of the Article Numbering Association..

Richard Dayman, customer accounts manager for Colgate's logistics department, says: "I quickly realised that Colgate would become more competitive and achieve a closer relationship with its customers if we adopted EDI quickly."

Colgate's entry into electronic trading was typical of most firms' introduction to EDI. In most branches of information technology, the driving force comes from a vendor developing a new technology. Electronic trading is different: it starts from a real business need, and the demand usually comes from a customer outside the company. There is no question here of a "technology looking for an application". computer techniques have struggled to keep up with the business requirement.

Among the first users of EDI were the car, electronics and chemical industries, which by nature are multinational. Black & Decker, the power tools maker, uses it extensively with its European suppliers, and is proud of having a link with a firm in Slovenia making capacitors.

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Fast result: Richard Dayman is meeting retailers' needs

Mr Dayman keeps control of Colgate's electronic trading within his department at the Surrey headquarters and has not handed it over to the information-techology department, to retain the business focus.

He believes that it was fundamentally important to integrate the electronic orders coming from his customers immediately into the order-processing application and spent three to four months in 1989 doing this. This was an expensive exercise, but once done, further connection to other retailers has become progressively easier, so that Colgate can now link to a customer in two to three weeks. The more EDI a company does, the better the payback.

"Electronic trading makes it easier for us to react to our customers' needs, with orders reaching our computers in minutes, not days," Mr Dayman says, and they can even be delivered in the middle of the night. "Sending invoices electronically does not necessarily mean that we get paid any quicker, but it does mean we tend to get paid on 100 per cent of an invoice because there are no errors."

Mr Dayman is sufficiently enthusiastic about electronic trading to start persuading Colgate's suppliers of packaging and tube manufacturers to receive electronic purchase orders from the company. Tests have started with selected suppliers.

Colgate-Palmolive is a large organisation and can afford to invest in EDI, but for small companies the initial cost of integrating EDI data with their in-house applications has deterred them in the past from doing true electronic trading.

They may, for example, accept EDI orders from their customers on a PC, print them out and then re-key the data into their in-house system or bought-in accounting package. This practice is disparagingly known in the trade as EDI-fax — where EDI is no more than a very expensive form of fax.

To make it easier for small companies to achieve the real benefit of electronic trading, some of the EDI networks, notably INS, the market leader, sell "toolkit" software to make the task of managing integration easier.

Another approach is to bolt electronic trading software on to standard accounting packages, thus removing the integration task completely. For instance, Professional Software, a small EDI-specialist software house near Bournemouth, links its package, Connect Net, to the popular Pegasus and Sage accounting packages.

These software links should make electronic trading more attractive to small companies, at a time when the large "drivers" of EDI, such as the supermarket chains, car, chemicals and electronic manufacturers and insurance companies, are beginning to want their smaller suppliers to use EDI too.

Tesco's 1,000th electronic trading partner, for example, is Riverside Produce, a small potato grower in Wales. And among the 300 suppliers exchanging EDI messages with IBM's European factories is a six-man workshop.The march of EDI continues and in Europe's single market no firm can afford to ignore it.

RICHARD SARSON

Prices plunge and choice widens as the computer industry struggles out of recession, says **Jane Bird**

It's springtime for the buyer

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The way ahead: "PCs are cheaper to buy and cost much less to run," says David Chan

Computer customers have never had it so good. The industry might be in recession and an increasing number of suppliers may be fighting hard for business, but prices have plunged and choice is burgeoning.

During the 1980s, when annual growth rates were about 10 per cent, the computer industry's expansion seemed unstoppable. But in the past few years, computer suppliers have found it increasingly difficult to make money. IBM lost £3.3 billion last year while profits at ICL, the UK's biggest computer company, now owned by Fujitsu, slid 60 per cent.

Growth in the European computer industry has bottomed out at around 3 per cent a year, according to Amit Chaudhuri, senior research analyst at IDC, the market research company. A similar picture is reflected worldwide.

Computer makers have been hit by the fact that their customers can no longer afford heavy investment in information technology. Buyers are also beginning to question whether the millions of pounds they have already spent were worthwhile.

Moreover, the increasing power and falling costs of silicon chips means computer makers must sell more and more equipment simply to stay in the same place. "Although turnover is not at a record high, the amount of power being shipped is colossal. This is exerting extreme pressure on the market," Mr Chaudhuri says.

However, there are signs that Britain, which was one of Europe's worst performers last year, could be among the first to recover. "A year ago, the British information technology market was in a particularly depressed state and things looked much bleaker here than in most of continental Europe," Mr Chaudhuri says.

"But since then, the economic situation has deteriorated in France, Germany and Italy. Britain could be the first to recover."

David Chan, director of information technology for Provident Personal Credit, believes it is time to buy. He has just contracted to spend almost £5 million with Hewlett-Packard on personal computer equipment and maintenance during the next three years for branch and head-office systems.

The head-office system will carry out a massive number-crunching task previously done by a large mainframe. "We believe our system will be as fast as the mainframe at a quarter of the cost," Mr Chan says.

Many computer users are moving away from mainframes towards small, powerful and versatile desktop workstations or personal computers. These can be linked together in networks so that hundreds of users can share data and exchange electronic files.

"Not only are they cheaper to buy, but they cost so much less to run," Mr Chan says. "Mainframes need systems programmers to look after them, special air-conditioned rooms, and expensive storage disks — everything about them involves big costs and being locked-in."

Desktop workstations also tend to be much more compatible, so that if users are not satisfied with a machine they can exchange it.

Previously, vendors locked users in with their operating systems. "Now I could get rid of the machines in two years time if I found I had made the wrong decision," Mr Chan says. The advent of compatible systems has given people the ability to switch between suppliers. "It is not that the decisions are necessarily easier, but they are less critical," he adds.

> 'Britain's technology market could be the first to recover'

Compatibility also makes it easier for customers to identify which machine is best value for money. "In the past it was very difficult because you were comparing apples with pears," says Mr Chan. All suppliers had very different and often incompatible products, making it hard to evaluate the quality of the options.

One company to recognise the customer appeal of compatible or "open" systems was Oracle, of the United States. Its database was heavily criticised by rivals when it first appeared for being technically inferior.

Competitors pointed out that their own proprietary systems offered extra functionality. But the Oracle database proved popular with customers because it was available on many different suppliers' machines. "Oracle became tremendously successful worldwide," Mr Chaudhuri says.

Oracle's success, like that of Microsoft, demonstrates the rising power of software companies whose performance is way ahead of their hardware counterparts. Not surprisingly, many of the old mainframe suppliers are seeking to gain an increasing proportion of their revenues from software.

They are also forging alliances with software houses to target specific markets. Sequent, a US-based hardware manufacturer, joined forces with Oracle last year, to market a council tax system, boosting its sales by 75 per cent.

This trend towards cheaper desktop computer systems has tremendous organisational implications, helping to create flatter management structures and to devolve responsibility to individuals, says Peter Scawen, the managing director of Information Builders, a US-based software house.

"Traditionally, middle managers have interpreted directives from the board into strategies to be carried out lower down the company. Then they reported the results back to the board." Computers give senior and junior staff direct access to corporate data, thus eroding the role for middle managers.

Despite increased choice and lower prices, life is not getting much easier for customers. In many ways, it is more complicated — long gone are the days when you simply moved up to the next IBM system.

As Mr Chan puts it: "There are now many more options to consider and you have got to know what you are doing. Even though there is openness, there is lots more room for salesmen to blind you with science or put a flashy deal in front of you. Buyers need to be astute negotiators." In recognition of this need, the industry has become much more focused on the importance of customer care, helping buyers clarify precisely what they require, and following up with after-sales service.

Although the industry is improving its performance in this area, many customers fear that it will revert to its old ways once the recession ends. "Senior management may have a customer focus but the problem is that it hasn't percolated down," Mr Chan says.

Too often the top priority is clearly to meet their sales targets. "That's dangerous because when you invest heavily in information technology you are buying a long-term relationship," Mr Chan says.

Playing the waiting game

When there is always a better system for you just around the corner

The cost of computer hardware, from the mighty mainframe to the lowest entry level PC, plummeted in 1992 and this year the trend looks set to continue.

In addition, new computer architectures are making their appearance or are set to do so. Digital Equipment, once the doyen of the minicomputer companies, is basing a new series of machines around a new chipset, the Alpha AXP, which will run from desktop models up to mainframe class systems. Intel, which provides the chipset at the heart of the IBM and compatible PCs, is also introducing a new chip, the Pentium.

The dilemma facing prospective PC purchasers, as ever, is whether to buy the existing technology, largely meaning Intel 386 or 486 based systems, or to wait until newer and better ones are available that are always just around the corner.



Customers are faced with a bewildering choice of alternatives. Long written off as dead, even the mainframe might make something of a comeback while what used to be known as mid-range systems are falling in price so fast they now sometimes present an attractive alternative to networked PCs.

Last month ICL introduced a new range of mainframes, the Series 39 SX range. In the past these mainframes would have cost millions of pounds. Today the entry level model begins at around £360,000 although the top of the range system is still priced at over £20 million.

Prices for what were previously known as minicomputers, like the DEC VAX and the IBM AS/400 and RS/6000 machines, have also fallen.

Norweb, one of the 12 regional electricity companies, has just placed an order with the PC supplier, Elonex for Intel 486-based PCs. Graham Sencicle, computer services manager for Norweb, says that the decision to purchase 486-based machines was taken because of the upward compatibility of the system with the new Intel pentium PCs and the company's move toward open systems.

Norweb has a continual need to invest. The difficulty is to decide which horse to back. "We would expect any PC we bought to support Windows. We used to buy PCs from ICL and Compaq but we found that we could not sustain the price differential between them and an Elonex. We found that we were having bundled-in services that we did not need," Mr Sencicle said.

Elonex is one of the new generation of PC suppliers that sell direct rather than through a dealer chain.

The advantage of waiting for the latest technology is that the machine will inevitably be more powerful than its predecessor and that will force the price of older architectures down.

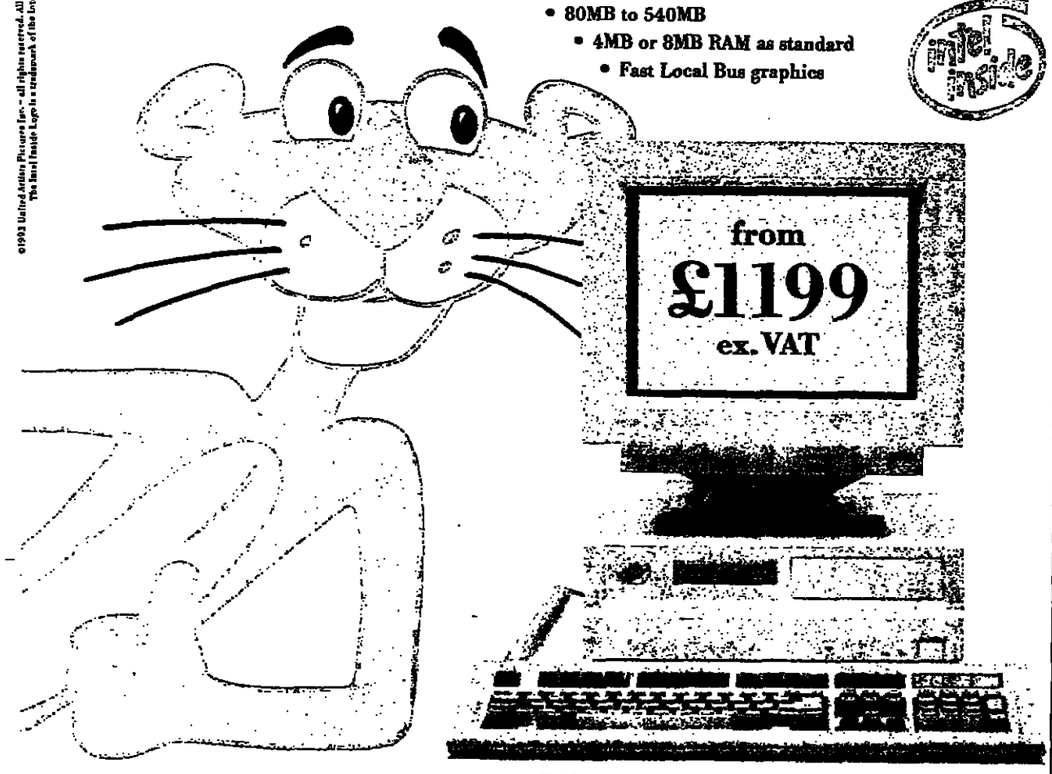
The disadvantage is that unless the software houses prepare versions of their applications for the new machines quickly, or there is upward compatability to the new range, then the user can end up with a powerful processor with no applications available to take full advantage of it.

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on Anish Kapoor's new show, plus sculpture ancient and modern in Leeds

The shapeliness of things to come

The death of Elisabeth Frink, followed only a few days later by the birth of the **Henry Moore Institute** in Leeds, means that sculpture has dominated the week in a negative as well as a positive sense. But while Frink is being mourned, her untimely loss should not prevent us from celebrating the vitality of the tradition to which she contributed.

As the institute's opening exhibition testifies, sculpture in Britain reached its first peak in the Middle Ages. Carvers throughout the country laboured incessantly on images for the great cathedrals, and the results must once have ranked among the finest anywhere. If vandalism and erosion destroyed much of their achievement, enough survives to astound even today. Grievously decayed though they are, the 13 full-length York Minster figures at the heart of the inaugural show still offer proof of medieval carving's profound emotional intensity.

> Kapoor has a breadth of interest that encompasses east and west

The need to preserve, which forces so many of today's cathedral administrators to move statuary from exposed positions, may deprive the buildings of integral images. But their loss is our gain. For the first time, figures as impressive as the York sequence can now be seen in all their grandeur and vulnerability.

I believe the institute was right to salute the Romanesque legacy in its initial show. Anyone who thinks that contemporary sculpture should have been chosen instead must visit this survey at once. For the carvings borrowed from York, Lincoln and elsewhere set an example that today's sculptors should ponder. They will find moving evidence here of British sculpture's ability to achieve the highest standards.

For a variety of reasons, the excellence of this tradition gradually deteriorated after the Middle Ages. Sculpture in this country came to be seen as a secondary pursuit, increasingly subservient to the dominance of painting.

Henry Moore, who did so much to restore British sculpture's energy and esteem in our own century, responded to the potency of Romanesque work from his earliest years. Visiting the remarkable 12th-century church of St John the Baptist at Adel, near his boyhood home in Castleford, the young Moore was brought face to face with the startling forcefulness of its carvings. He never forgot the experience.

As the **Eric Gill** retrospective now demonstrates in Leeds City Art Gallery, British sculpture was revitalised by fusing inspiration from its medieval past with an array of non-European sources. Nobody was more passionate than Gill in his admiration for the direct, powerful carvings preserved in the cathedral of his native Chichester. But he also learnt an enormous amount from the spiritual and erotic intensity of Indian sculpture, which the 19th century would have regarded as heretical.

Together with Epstein and Gaudier-Brzeska, Gill transformed British sculpture at the beginning of the new century. And their eagerness to learn from older cultures throughout the world was inherited by Moore and Hepworth's generation.

This openness was passed down, along with the ambition to place sculpture at the forefront of modern art, to Anthony Caro and other artists who pioneered a revolutionary way of working in the 1960s. They are now the senior generation of sculptors in Britain, and their refusal to settle for timid options has helped to give today's British sculpture its assurance and fertility.

One of the most impressive younger practitioners has opened a show of new work at the Lisson Gallery. Winner of the Turner Prize two years ago, **Anish Kapoor** has since been recognised in major exhibitions across Europe and America. Indian-born but trained in London, where he has lived since his student days, Kapoor exemplifies the breadth of interests which sculptors in this country now encompass. He has links with European artists as diverse as Yves Klein and Joseph Beuys. But to his native culture he owes an unshakeable belief in the spiritual role of art.

Kapoor's work has always been deeply contemplative. The forms it assumes are far from ethereal, though. The first gallery is dominated by *Passage*, a rough-hewn boulder of pale sandstone proudly brandishing its bulk in a central position. It looks as substantial as the carvings by **Ulrich Rückriem**, now powerfully installed by the Henry Moore Sculpture Trust in the ruins of Kirkstall Abbey.

Ultimately, though, Kapoor subverts *Passage's* solidity. The sandstone is opened up to disclose a dark red chamber within. Although limited in size, this eye-confounding space seems almost as boundless as the misty red room James Turrell has installed in his Hayward show. But at the far end of *Passage*, an oval aperture has been cut, allowing the light beyond to give it the appearance of a shining egg suspended in space.

Even while he undermines the notion of sculpture as a physical mass, Kapoor does not lose sight of his involvement with organic life. As in the art of India, spiritual and sensual are intertwined.

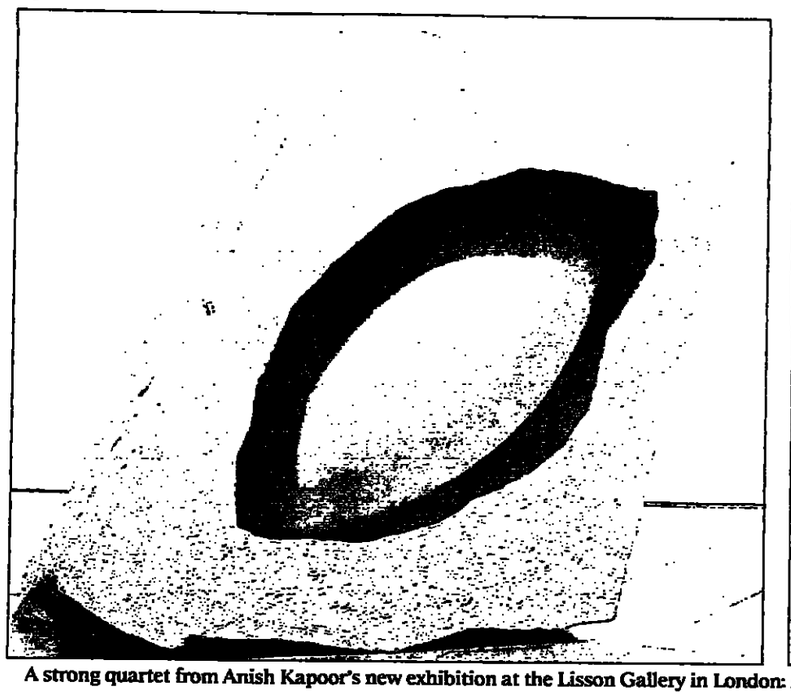
Kapoor confirms this theme in the biggest gallery, where a limestone ovoid rests on the floor like a fat, ripe fruit. The hole inserted in its upper surface leads down to a dark concavity, but this emptying-out does not detract from the satisfying roundness of the outer form. And in a large, tilted carving near by, *In the Presence of Form II*, the hollowed-out Portland stone denies mass only in order to reassert it inside.

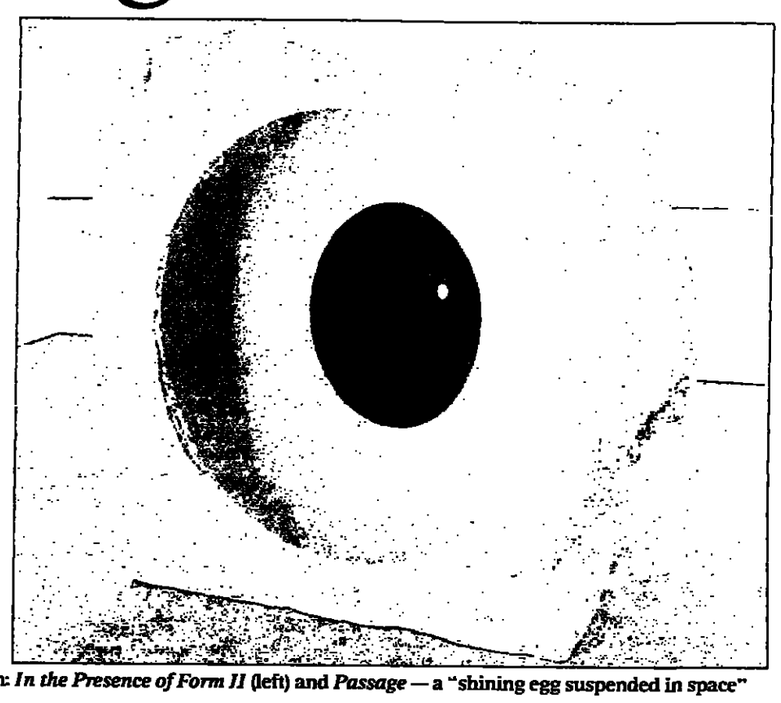
All the same, Kapoor is ready to confound our expectations at every turn. A two-part fibreglass work called *Eyes Turned Inward* occupies a lot of space, its separated hemispheres hanging on opposite walls like the broken halves of a planet floating in the cosmos. The nearer we approach them, though, the more they force us to lose sight of their weight and size. The pigment within seems to engulf our vision in a continuous field of deep, softly saturated redness.

Colour takes on such a potent role here that Kapoor's work appears to be poised halfway between sculpture and painting. His finest exhibit, a large untitled work resting in the middle of the upstairs gallery, is also the most tantalising. At first sight, it resembles a dark purple slab, minimally solid and intact. But the near end turns out to be concave, and the dark interior perplexes the eye with shifting, cave-like space.

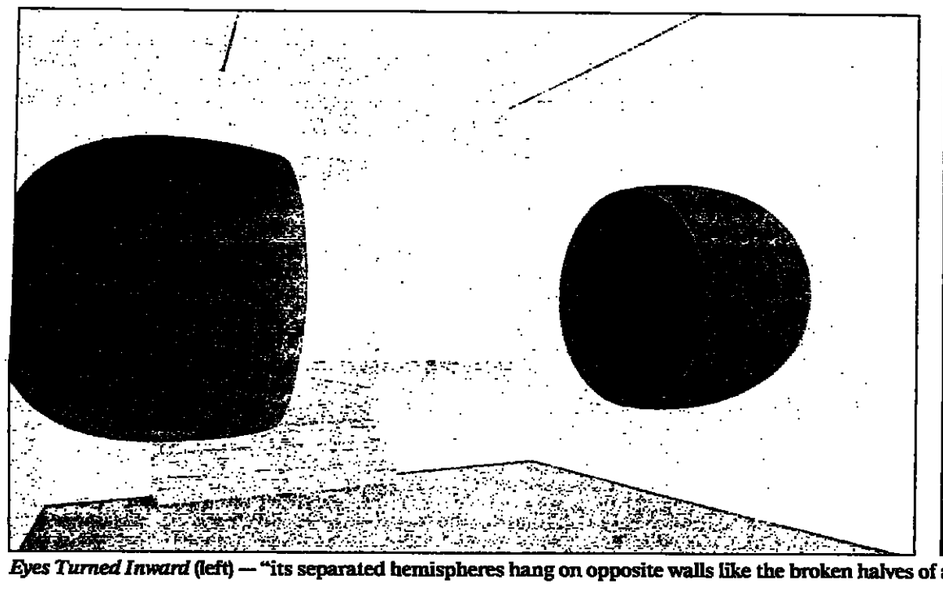
Eventually, the mystery seems to resolve itself into an orifice with inescapable sexual overtones. But then it evades identification once again, confirming Kapoor's desire to play off presence against absence, and challenge palpable matter with a glimpse of the unfathomable void.

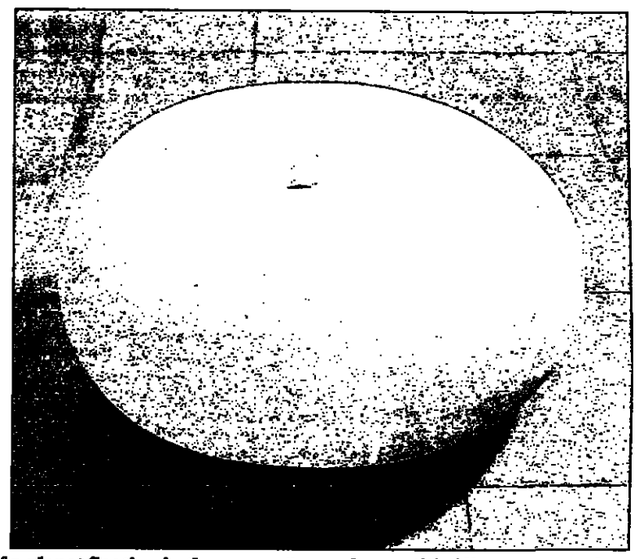
● Anish Kapoor *at the Lisson Gallery, London NW1 (071-724 2739) to May 20*; Eric Gill *at Leeds City Art Gallery (0532 478248) to June 19*; Ulrich Rückriem *at Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds to June 20*; Romanesque *at Henry Moore Institute, Leeds (0532 343158) to July 18*





A strong quartet from Anish Kapoor's new exhibition at the Lisson Gallery in London: *In the Presence of Form II* (left) and *Passage* — a "shining egg suspended in space"





Eyes Turned Inward (left) — "its separated hemispheres hang on opposite walls like the broken halves of a planet floating in the cosmos" — and an untitled limestone carving

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

● **NICHOLAS EVANS:** About 15 years ago, Lawrence Gowing made a singular discovery: Nicholas Evans, a retired Welsh miner, who had begun painting at the age of 70 and, quite untutored, had developed his own immediately recognisable style. Since then, not much has been heard of him, but now Cardiff presents an impressive show of recent work, confirming that at 86 he is still going strong. **St David's Hall**, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 342611). Daily, 10am-4.30pm, and after 6.30pm most evenings.

● **SILK ROAD COINS:** Professor Ikuo Hirayama has long been fascinated by the Silk Road, and during the past 15 years has formed an extensive collection of the coins which have passed along the road since antiquity. This exhibition from the Hirayama Collection is related to a two-day conference "Silk Road Coins and Culture", taking place today and tomorrow. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636-1555). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, until May 31.

● **MORRIS KESTELMAN:** The career of Morris Kestelman, now 88, moved decisively in the 1950s from representation to abstraction. There is no sudden transformation: the familiar shapes are progressively denuded of realistic connotation until they become freeform abstraction. This show concentrates on the later abstracts, with a few more figurative works to suggest where they come from. **Boundary Gallery**, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (071-624 1126). Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm, until May 1.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** enjoys the acidity in Maugham's play

Smugness rules in Blighty

For Services Rendered
Old Vic

LEONARD Ardsley, the solicitor at the centre of Somerset Maugham's play, has quite a way with him. One daughter has only to reveal that she may elope with a married man twice her age, and her sister to admit that her own marriage is wretched, for him to blunder into the room with "what are you girls doing? Discussing frocks and frills. I'll be bound."

And what happens just after his wife learns she is dying of cancer, a third daughter has been reduced into a passable imitation of the mad Ophelia by the suicide of the man she loved, and his son, who was blinded in the Great War, has delivered a blistering attack on England? Why, in trots good old Leonard to declare that he has no worries a cup of tea cannot solve: "The world is turning the corner and we can all look forward to better times."

Malvolio in his yellow garter mode was no smugger, nor Ibsen's Torvald Helmer more complacent. But the comparison that struck me on opening night was with J. B. Priestley's merchants and councillors when they start swanking about progress — "look at that new liner, the *Titanic*, absolutely unsinkable!" — from the safety of Otley or Batley. It is odd to think of the worldly-wise mandarin of Cap Ferrat playing John the Baptist to the young Yorkshire firebrand; but *For Services Rendered* appeared in 1932, well before Priestley wrote *An Inspector Calls* and his other attacks on Edwardian-style insularity.

Moreover, Maugham's play treats a subject Priestley always funked: the trauma of a war in which, as he said, his generation was "sliced into sausage meat held above a swill bucket". The Ardsley girls are hardly spoilt for choice when it comes to finding husbands, for most of the candidates are dead. And the most eligible chap around, the one who won the DSO commanding a destroyer, runs into financial trouble and shoots himself. Guess who says "the nation can't afford the luxury of supporting an army of officers it has no use for"? That's right: dear old Leonard, epitome of shallow, ungrateful Blighty.

There is much to be urged against *For Services Rendered*. Characters say period things — "my God, I want you", "you drunken brute" — and do predictable ones. And the three Ardsley sisters, fretting at the bars of their provincial birdcage, can claim only surface kinship with their Prozorov prototypes.

Yet the play merits the production Deborah Paige first mounted at Salisbury Playhouse and now brings to London. At its best, it combines its author's celebrated acidity with a rage he displays nowhere else.

The performances on Kit Surrey's didactic set — white wooden crosses juxtaposed with a comfy conservatory — are uneven. But Sylvia Syms radiates exhausted decency as Ardsley *mère*, Jeffrey Segal does not stint on Leonard's self-satisfaction, and Moir Leslie makes a strong impression as their most desperate daughter.

The moral climax comes, though, when Tim Sabel stops playing the affable blind man and lets rip: "We were the dupes of incompetent fools, their vanity, their greed, their stupidity. And the worst of it is they haven't learnt a thing..." It is a voice that resounds across the decades and, believe it or not, it is Maugham's.

DONALD COOPER



Mother's lot: Sylvia Syms radiates exhausted decency

What price a Reni?

ART MARKET DIARY

GUIDO RENI was once rated second only to Raphael. "His idea of beauty... is acknowledged superior to that of any other painter," wrote Sir Joshua Reynolds of the 17th-century Bolognese master. Today, however, the heritage authorities appear incapable of making accurate valuations of his works.

One, entitled *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife*, has just been acquired for the nation in lieu of a £2.49 million tax bill owed by its erstwhile owner (thought to be Viscount Coke of Holkham Hall, Norfolk).

Another, called *David With the Head of Goliath*, has been placed under a temporary export ban by the heritage secretary Peter Brooke, thereby giving interested British museums a chance to raise funds and possibly buy it. This time the price is around £2 million.

What has been forgotten is that last July this same painting failed to elicit bids of more than £1.25 million at Sotheby's and was therefore left unsold. So what is a Guido Reni worth nowadays, and has taxpayers' money been wasted?

Wheels deals

IT IS now 18 months since *The Times* revealed the "Spanish practices" of the car auction market. These included pretending lots had sold when they had not, and over-optimistic descriptions of cars which had been largely rebuilt. But despite calls for a tightening of regulations, business continues as before.

Now an initiative has come from Parker Converse, the American president of Lots, a company which supplies subscribers with impartial reports on car auctions all over the world. In the editorial of his latest quarterly report, Converse says he has "a problem" with "misrepresentation of offered goods... and *any* practices designed to mislead the buying public". He invites auctioneers to form an international association which would "agree to be bound by a group of standards" to reassure collectors. Watch this space with intrigue but not much hope.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The company ends its Covent Garden season with performances of *Tristan und Isolde* — the new Wagner staging, directed and designed by Yannis Kokkos, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras — and *La favorita* (see review, right).
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). *Tristan*, tonight, 5pm; *La favorita*, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: The Covent Garden orchestra has been winning critical approval recently in the pit. Its excursions into concert repertoire have not always been happy, but on his day Bernard Haitink is a mesmerising conductor. Here they play Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, and Felicity Lott sings Ravel's sensuously beautiful song-cycle *Shéhérazade*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Sun, 7.30pm.

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE BUILDING SITE FESTIVAL: A mini-festival on and around the new theatre's site celebrates Shakespeare's 430th birthday (today) and the progress made in recreating The Globe. There will be talks, demonstrations, and modern dress performances of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* by the Bremer Shakespeare Company from Germany.
Bankside, London SE1 (tickets: 071-261 0054). Performances today, 2.30pm, tomorrow, Sun, 3pm.

DE VALOIS TRIBUTE: Not a dance performance *per se* but a tribute to one of the greatest figures in 20th century ballet — Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet. In honour of her 95th birthday year, and to mark the Tchaikovsky centenary, the orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, is playing highlights from the three Tchaikovsky ballets, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*. There will also be spoken introductions by Royal Ballet stars Lesley Collier, Anthony Dowell and Antoinette Sibley.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

SKY: Best known for its rocked-up hit version of Bach, "Toccata", the group is reformed with guitarist Richard Durrant joining the line-up of Herbie Flowers, Tristan Fry, Steve Gray and Paul Hart.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: Anish Kapoor, the British sculptor and 1991 Turner prizewinner, has created the designs for choreographer **Laurie Booth**'s latest dance creation *River Run*. The piece features an "octophonic sound environment" from Booth's long-time collaborator, Hans Peter Kuhn.
Arnolfini, 16 Narrow Quay (0272 299191), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

CAMBRIDGE: The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performs an all-Russian programme under the baton of Leningrad-born conductor Yakov Kreizberg. Lynn Harrell is soloist in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto which is flanked by performances of Tchaikovsky's *Polonaise* from *Eugene Onegin* and Rachmaninov's Second Symphony.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (0223 357851), tonight, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: Scottish Opera launches its summer season with its first ever production of Bellini's *Norma*. Ian Judge directs; the company's music director John Mauceri conducts. In an impressive cast, Jane Eaglen brings her powerful soprano to the title role (see review, right).
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000), tomorrow, Tues, 7.15pm.

MOLD: Alexandra Mathie and Robert Duncan brave the fire in the attic in Fay Weldon's adaptation of *Jane Eyre*.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm, opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (May 1), 3pm.

NORTHAMPTON: A fireworks-and-laser symphony concert is held tomorrow in the grounds of the Althorp Estate in celebration of St George's Day, with the **Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra** performing a host of traditional favourites.
Althorp Park, Northampton (junction 16 on the M1), tomorrow, 6.30pm. Ticket hotline. 0625 573477.

NOTTINGHAM: Elaine Paige, the singer who rose to fame in *Evita*, embarks on a national tour to promote her unashamedly nostalgic new album, *Romance And The Stage*, featuring songs from the early musicals.
Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square (0602 482626), tonight, 7pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production: David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Maria Aitken and John Standing give their final performances in Coward's comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Closes tomorrow.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kaye's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. First seen at the Young Vic.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Previewing eves, 7.45pm, opens May 4, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

■ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Mon-Wed, 7.15pm, mats tomorrow, Tues, 2pm. 140mins.

☐ **MISERY:** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) .. ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) .. ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) .. ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ☐ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) .. ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) .. ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) .. ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, comball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **BODY OF EVIDENCE** (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games, a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

◆ **THE CRYING GAME** (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **HOWARDS END** (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama, with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
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RICHARD H. SMITH



Potentially a fine cast, if you could hear the words: the company of City of Birmingham Touring Opera in Rameau's *Les Boréades*

Les Boréades
Mayfair Suite, Birmingham

THIS is An Event in any number of respects. It is the first full-length Rameau opera to be performed by a professional company in this country. It is a tribute to the enterprise and tenacity of City of Birmingham Touring Opera, which tried to stage it last year but failed to raise the money, and only raised it by a whisker for Wednesday's first night. It is CBTO's most ambitious undertaking to date. The company is 70-strong and in all but one respect first-rate: dancers and chorus are virtually indistinguishable, there is a "period" band, and a potentially fine cast. The fact that it is performed in the derelict dance hall described by Richard Morrison on Tuesday adds spice to the occasion.

There are to be pitifully few performances — just three in Birmingham (the last is tomorrow), one each in Salisbury, Coventry and Nottingham, and two at the Brighton Festival. More were planned but fell victim to spending cuts, resulting in a shockingly poor return on investment. Such is the short-sightedness of funding policy nowadays. Still, all praise to Birmingham City Council for tenaciously supporting its company, and a raspberry to the Arts Council for not doing so properly. The council's current policy seems to be of either preventing art from happening altogether or at least ensuring that nobody can afford what slips through the net.

Graham Vick and his designer Paul Brown found a way of staging Baroque opera in the 1990s with their prize-winning *Mitridate* at Covent Garden, and they have pulled it off again. The stage language is bright, bold and direct (a virus in the lighting computer meant that it was not consistently bright on Wednesday). The sons of Boreas between whom Alphise, Queen of Bactria, has to choose inhabit Jilly Cooper-land, and one readily understands her preference for marriage to the Sarastro-like ascetic Abaris to a life that might become one long hunt ball.

Dance is of course crucial to Rameau, and the modern vocabulary devised by Ron Howell is persuasive and engagingly executed. Maybe some effects are too bold: the torture of Alphise by a chorus of North Winds playing jumping beans in blue sleeping bags was extremely funny, but the music suggests that it should be sinister as well: the sons of Boreas might communicate more forcefully if their faces weren't painted bright blue; and the communal strip in the first-act finale was perhaps over-startling ("I dreamt I sang Rameau in my Maidenform bra"). But dance has always featured in French opera for a good reason, one not unconnected with the display of shapely limbs, and within Brown's spare white décor the whole show looks enormously chic.

There is one huge and, at this stage, I fear insuperable problem. I heard scarcely a word that anyone sang all evening. This had nothing to do with the acoustics: the cast simply wasn't singing words. There were one or two from Jonathan Best (Adamas) and Peter Jeffes (Apollo), but not necessarily consecutive. (For the record, the opera was sung in Amanda Holden's new translation.) There is no point in performing opera unless the words are audible, especially Rameau, whose musical lines are governed by the words he set. The verbal mush diminished his genius and rendered Simon Halsey's skilful conducting largely pointless. We were left relishing Rameau's dances. It is not enough.

RODNEY MILNES

Propitious beginning for Scottish priestess

Norma
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

IT WAS the night of the new moon: the omens could scarcely have been more propitious for Scotland's first ever staged performance of Bellini's *Norma*. This is the real thing. Scarlet robes with many a golden Celtic knot meet the imperial purple head on; sickles of gold flash against the silver of the moon; the forest pillars of Druid oaks are answered by the steely nobility of Roman columns.

John Gunter (sets) and Deirdre Clancy (costumes) had determined that Glasgow (and, in June, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Newcastle) should see it as it was. But resplendent visual *vraisemblance* is by no means the be all and end all of this production. Ian Judge, directing, has ensured that the human passion, vulnerability and inconsistency which drive this opera into any time, any place, take centre stage.

So why did it take so long to reach Scotland? The eternal reason for delaying a *Norma* is the eternal quest for a Norma. There are those who maintain you simply haven't heard the opera if you haven't heard Callas: certainly, the demand for a fusion of raw intimacy, near-Wagnerian power and scale, and something which goes far beyond technical virtuosity, is an almost impossible one to meet.

But now there is Jane Eaglen. This is her first Norma and it will surely not be her last. Her performance surges forward tirelessly and inexorably to its Druid *Gotterdämmerung*. Her war cry is blood-curdling, her greatness of heart all-encompassing. Hers is a quintessentially northern European soprano: full-bodied and burnished, yet lacking the necessary core of sweetness and lunar beauty.

Neither Eaglen nor Katherine Ciesinki as Adalgisa is a real *bel canto* artist. They act and sing their souls out, and with the sharpest musical intelligence: but they don't taste the scents and flavours of Bellini's line. Because they don't feed every shifting emotion through its every inflection, the music moves us but not yet deeply.

John Mauceri, conducting, gave proper time and space for his heavy-weight voices, and for their vocal ornamentation, enterprisingly developed during the rehearsal period, and based on 19th-century models. On this first night he also had the challenge of integrating the voice of Pollione from a side box. Stefano Algieri was indisposed and able only to mime his part on stage, while Bruce Rankin was revealed as an idiomatic and robust Pollione in the making.

Norman Bailey gives a characteristically humane performance as Norma's father and high priest Oroveso; Catherine Croall and Richard Coxon provide strong cameos as Clotilda and Flavio. Norma's two children, Scott Henderson and Graeme Sharp, enjoy their Act II pillow fight — Judge's only concession to anything bordering on irregularity — during their mother's jaunty song of reconciliation with Adalgisa. With the chorus and orchestra of Scottish Opera in rude health, all that was lacking was that sense of "individual melancholy" which Verdi heard in Bellini. It may surface with time: meanwhile, Scotland has a strong and durable *Norma*.

HILARY FINCH

A difficult ascent

La favorita
Covent Garden

THE long absence of Donizetti's *La favorita* from the British stage did not make critical hearts more kindly when Welsh National Opera opened it earlier this year. Nevertheless it drew a cordial reception from a full house for the first of two performances at Covent Garden. The WNO has friends in London; so has Donizetti.

Favorita's first need is four bold singers with big voices. It is, alas, well beyond the WNO's capabilities. Donizetti wanted tenor and mezzo to keep singing right through the final act, the best of the four, and sound as fresh as they did three hours earlier. Verdi was to make similar demands in *Trovatore*. *Favorita's* baritone must make the King of Spain a triple-dyed villain: Alfonso tries to palm his mistress (la favorita) off in marriage to the very man who has just saved his kingdom by driving the Moors from the gates.

Without such singers the creaks in the plot become too audible. Bonaventura Bottone is a Spanish saviour in lamb's clothing, much more a Nemorino than a Fernando, the man who gets Alfonso out of trouble. His performance has almost certainly changed since Rodney Milnes heard him in Cardiff: much of the singing is now too soft and passionless. "Spirito gentil", especially, is a display piece for a flamboyant tenor. To be game is not enough.

Bernadette Cullen in the title role carried far more vocal weight, but her phrasing could do with more colour and her acting with a little less. David Barrell skulked around the stage like a pantomime demon as Alfonso and his baritone lacked the steadiness essential for Donizetti. The best vocal contribution came from Geoffrey Moses as the Father Superior, who rightly warns Fernando against leaving holy orders for love and battle.

Rennie Wright follows the example set by John Dexter many years ago, in a famous production of *Vespri siciliani*, by filling the stage with a precipitous flight of steps. It is marvellous for grouping the chorus (on excellent form) and crippling for the singers. John Gunter uses emblems for changes of scene: a crucified Christ for the monastery of Compostela, a rose for Castille. All very gloomy. Carlo Rizzi in the pit made by far the strongest case of the evening for *Favorita* and Donizetti.

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ROCK: Will Richard Branson's national radio station take listeners from the BBC or its commercial rivals?

Medium cool on medium wave

Virgin 1215 goes on air next week. Clive Davis asks whether this, the second national commercial radio station, will succeed


ALAN WELLER

Getting his hand in: Richard Skinner, joint programme controller and mid-morning presenter on Virgin 1215, in the new station's studio, Golden Square, Soho

Seven days to go to the launch, and Richard Branson's latest venture is already making plenty of noise. Though Virgin 1215 — the country's first national commercial rock station — does not formally open until next Friday, test transmissions have been broadcast all month to tempt listeners who have been indulging in the quaint habit of twiddling the dial up and down the medium wave band.

Occupying Radio 3's former AM frequency on 1215kHz, the new station will provide a diet of AOR — Adult Oriented Rock — with the minimum of talk. The emphasis will be on album tracks rather than singles, with the playlist roughly divided between classics from the last 25 years, quality songs by middle-ranking names and new work by the latest generation of bands. The station follows Classic FM as the second of three new national commercial channels.

Virgin's publicity talks of a "radio revolution". The aim is to cater for music fans — in particular those aged between 25 to 44 — who have outgrown the fads of the singles charts. Anybody who feels pangs of righteous indignation at the sight of the teenage ravers on *Top of the Pops* will be ripe for conversion.

As for the presenters, the breakfast show will be in the hands of the Capital Radio DJ Russ Williams, while the prime mid-morning programme will be hosted by Richard Skinner, with Tommy Vance taking care of the afternoon drive-time slot. At the weekends the veteran showman Emperor Rosko will front two live shows from Los Angeles. Vance and Skinner (who is also the joint programme controller) are among several recruits from the BBC's widely-praised London operation GLR, which went on air in 1988. Cult weekend presenter and Channel 4 *Big Breakfast* frontman Chris Evans has also been lured away.

The output so far has found David Bowie rubbing shoulders with Robert Palmer, Def Leppard side by side with Prefab Sprout. Test transmissions are by no means the best guide to the future — anything can happen once the first audience figures are compiled and the advertising executives have their say. For what it is worth, the reaction among leading music journalists has been mixed.

At *New Musical Express*, where Bruce Springsteen has to compete for space against the likes of Aphex Twin and Ned's Atomic Dustbin, assistant editor Brendon Fitzgerald is still reeling from the shock of hearing a Cockney Rebel song. His verdict: "comfort listening for people who don't like new music." *Melody Maker*'s reviews editor Jim Arundel gives a more guarded response: "One guy in the office said he'd heard three of his favourite records in a row. A couple of others say it's constant Dire Straits."

"What I've heard has been fairly good so far," says Paul Colbert, editor of *Vox* magazine. "They're maybe being a little bit safe, but there's quite a good mix — the Stones, Elvis Costello — and it might branch out later. The biggest problem is that they're appealing to a CD audience with an AM format. They've got to convince a lot of people that AM exists."

Danny Kelly, editor of *Q* magazine, also has doubts about the use of medium wave. "It sounds like GLR on a bad frequency, doesn't it? I think it ought to be given a fair shot — after six months no station ever sounds like its test transmissions. But I did find it disturbing that the first voice I heard was Tommy Vance, who is a decent bloke and everything, but who to me represents the most clichéd type of rock radio."

What of GLR itself? The station's managing editor Trevor Dann offers a back-handed compliment. "My major criticism is that the schedules don't contain any new ideas. It's all pretty much well-tried formulae. It's nice for the rest of the country to have access to a grown-up music policy, and it's good to hear a Steely Dan record in peak hours. But I thought it would be more upmarket. The approach is a little bit too macho. There's that 'Good evening, Hammersmith!' feel to it."

The listeners themselves will have the last say, of course. Virgin admit that they would have preferred an FM waveband, but point out that they have been investing in upgraded AM transmitters. Executives say they are confident that they will make inroads into Radio 1's audience. The recent introduction of a Sunday evening album chart show on Radio 1 is being interpreted as a sign that the BBC already feels vulnerable.

So is this the beginning of the end for the garrulous Simon Bates, Steve Wright and company? In the debate over the future of the BBC, Radio 1 has often seemed the most dispensable outpost of the corporation's empire. Why bother to spend the licence fee on a network playing pop music, critics asked, when the commercial sector could provide the same service?

The BBC argues that the reality is far more complicated. "Radio 1 reaches 19.5 million people a week. Virgin are the first to admit that they're narrowcasters," says a Radio 1 spokesman. "We're broadcasters in the purest sense. Hopefully, there's something for everyone in the mix."

Spokesmen are paid to say such things, naturally, but there is no denying that Radio 1 has worked hard at its public service role, particularly in the two years since it began its 24-hour service. The once vacant evening slots are now filled with specialist music and discussion programmes. More "youth culture" magazine programmes — such as the arts magazine *The Guest List* — have been introduced as part of John Birt's "Extending Choice" strategy.

Music journalists who might once have been queuing up to bash the BBC can now be found praising the adventurousness of the playlist. They point out that less immediately accessible music from new bands is given a chance to make its way from John Peel's show into the daytime mainstream. Commercial stations, competing for a shrinking advertising base, have far less room for manoeuvre.

"Radio 1 takes a few risks because there's no commercial pressure," says *Melody Maker*'s Arundel. "The cosiness of the network is what encourages risks in a paradoxical way, whereas a station like Capital wouldn't dare play something that was too loud or too slow."

OTHERS ON AIR

A dial-twiddler's guide to other targeted stations

Classic FM: National. Began September 1992. Too much Vivaldi and pom-tiddly-pom-pom, say the detractors, but the gentle format has proved more popular than expected. Henry Kelly supplies the racing tips.

Atlantic 252: Irish-based. Began September 1989. Hidden away on unfashionable long wave, the Irish commercial rock station has built up a strong following in Britain. Proof that there is life beyond FM.

Radio 5: BBC National. Began August 1990. Once dismissed as a dumping ground for everything the other BBC networks did not want: sport, education, children's programmes and the rest. Then came the Danny Baker breakfast show.

Jazz FM: Greater London. Began March 1990. Known to the cynics as Everything But Jazz FM. Following a desperately unhappy launch, soul and blues now take priority during the day. Saxophones and trumpets usually have to wait until off-peak hours.

Capital Radio: Greater London. Began October 1973; Capital Gold began November 1988. London's hugely successful commercial station offers a home for TV celebrity Chris Tarrant on its main FM service. Over on AM the alternative "Gold" oldies service finds useful employment for aging ex-BBC hands.

Melody FM: Greater London. Began July 1990. Death by a thousand strings, the easy listening equivalent of cocoa and a hot water bottle 24 hours a day. Rumours that surgeons use it as an alternative form of general anaesthetic have been denied.

Kiss 100: Greater London. Began September 1990. The capital's non-stop dance party station. When a smoked-glass BMW cruises along your street pumping out excruciatingly loud rap music, there is a good chance that the owner is part of the "Kiss army".

NEW WAVES

An insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

As every disco devotee knows, "Supernature," as recorded by Cerrone, is a cornerstone of the disco heritage. Amid talk of the Seventies revival, and with a remixed Barry Manilow disco track in the charts, now a band appears from Sheffield named Supernature.

The achievements of Supernature, a duo of journalist Claire Morgan Jones and club entrepreneur Matthew Swift, are modest. Their one single, "Friday People", has within it all those qualities of expectation and fulfilment that make pop music. Friday nights and pleasure synonymous.

So artfully have they constructed their ode to the spiritual peak of a Friday night that the ripples have reached New York, the home of these matters, where the record is a hit.

DAVID TOOP

RECORDS: **David Sinclair** finds Karl Wallinger, one of rock's most skilful recyclers, on song

Party time as the world ends

WORLD PARTY
Bang! (Ensign 3 21991)

PICKING up where he left off with the last World Party album, *Goodbye Jumbo* in 1990, Karl Wallinger continues to worry away at the theme of imminent environmental apocalypse like a dog gently gnawing on a worn, but still savoury old bone. He tackles it with the delightful Ray Davies-style vocal and Crosby Stills & Nash-influenced harmony chorus of the current single "Is It Like Today?". Next he goes at it with a quick burst of humour on the mock-operatic "And God Said . . .". Then he takes the direct approach of "Give It All Away", with its stern warning about having your cake and eating it ("But that slice is gonna kill you") underpinned by a pounding go-go beat, a sequence that is reprised at the end of the album with additional sirens and edge-of-chaos guitars — the full metal racket.

In keeping with his environmentalist philosophy, Wallinger is a committed recycler of musical ideas and as well as the acts already mentioned there are bits scavenged from a wide range of sources: Stevie Wonder to the Electric Light Orchestra.

But Wallinger's tremendous gift for melody, his poetic ear and his quietly smouldering sense of mission elevate this work to a level that far transcends the sum of its influences. The achingly beautiful tune of "Hollywood", the artless hippie innocence of "Sunshine" ("Sometimes you just blow my mind") and the combination of sprightly country shuffle and zonked out, backwards-taped psychedelia of "Kingdom Come" are just some of the touches which make this a strikingly individual and engaging album by any standards.

There is an extra, uncredited song hidden away at the end of the CD, a trick initiated by Nirvana and also adopted by the Auteurs on their debut. Here, it is a number about the Gulf war, done in a spoof Beach Boys style, and it can be heard by fast forwarding through roughly 20 minutes of silence after the end of the last track listed on the cover. Remember where you read about it first.


Karl Wallinger, who has a "tremendous gift for melody", fingers his "poetic ear"

AEROSMITH
Get A Grip (Geffen GED 24444)

PERHAPS it is something to do with the impending millennium, but even Aerosmith — not a band best known for their social concern — have started banging on about the state of the planet. "There's something wrong with the world today/The light bulb's gettin' dim" sings Steven Tyler in "Livin' On The Edge".

His strangulated yelp of a voice still sounds infinitely more convincing when belting out a line such as "Take your Grey Poupon my friend/And shove it up your ass!" on the hyperthyroid rocker "Eat The Rich", and overall the *Get A Grip* album is a reliable distillation of old-style heavy riffing and old-style cock-of-the-walk attitude.

Like the Rolling Stones, in whose image the band was fashioned, Aerosmith have got away with dragging an eternally delinquent image into middle age. This album, like *Pump* before it, combines a seasoned understanding of the dynamics of bare-knuckle rock riffing with an undiminished penchant for risqué sexual imagery. Apart from the opening rapid-fire rap by Tyler, followed by a sampled burst of "Walk This Way", there is little to distinguish it from the Aerosmith of the 1970s, and that includes the reckless wit of the songwriting and the enviable vitality of the performances. It hardly seems fair on their contemporaries.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Get A Grip	Aerosmith (Geffen)
2	Cliff Richard — The Album	Cliff Richard (EMI)
3	Automatic for the People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
4	Black Tie White Noise	David Bowie (Savage)
5	Cover Shot	David Essex (PolyGram TV)
6	In Concert — MTV Plugged	Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
7	Original Motion Picture Soundtrack — The Bodyguard	Various artists (Arista)
8	Suede	Suede (Nude)
9	3 Years, 5 Months and 2 Days in the Life of . . .	Arrested Development (Cooltempo)
10	Diva	Annie Lennox (RCA)

List compiled by MRIB

ZAKIYA HOOKER
Another Generation of the Blues (Silvertone ORE 526)

ZAKIYA HOOKER is the middle-aged daughter of the venerable John Lee Hooker, and although she was, naturally enough, surrounded by blues music and musicians in childhood, she has only recently started singing herself.

In stark contrast to the instinctive and often ramshackle approach of her father, her debut album is a tightly-scripted affair. From the acoustic guitar ballad, "Memory Left To Lose", to the horn-driven shuffle of "Love Hotel" the arrangements are clipped and starched, and her firm, supple voice is forced to struggle against a rather smothering blanket of supper-club *politesse*. Where she takes a tougher line, on songs such as "Dirty Things" or the slow blues of "Mean Mean World" (a duet with her father), she demonstrates a genuinely soulful touch.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Deep Blues (Anxious 4509-91981)

IN THE quest for authenticity, the producers of *Deep Blues* have gone a little too far in the opposite direction. The album is the soundtrack to a film, financed by (ex-Eurythmic) Dave Stewart's production company, based on a book by American writer Robert Palmer. Here, various utterly obscure blues veterans — have *you* heard of R.L. Burnside, Roosevelt "Booba" Barnes, Lonnie Pitchford or Junior Kimbrough? — vie to see who can get away with the dodgiest tuning and most dishevelled drumming.

But there is magic in the muddle, and bouquets go to Jessie Mae Hemphill for the gentle, world-weary passion of her songs "You Can Talk About Me" and "Shame On You" and to the harmonica/guitar duo of Jack Owens and Bud Spires for their crusty but peerless "Devil Blues", a sound lifted direct from the motherlode.

SEVEN DAYS

OUT AND ABOUT NEXT WEEK

NOW BOOKING: Described as "the world's largest celebration of Gaelic music", the fourth annual **London Fleadh**, Finsbury Park (information 081-963 0940) takes place on June 12, £25. Acts confirmed include Van Morrison, Hothouse Flowers, Runrig, Mary Black, Capercaillie. Headlining is the decidedly non-Gaelic Bob Dylan.

The second **Scottish Fleadh** featuring Morrison, Black, Runrig, Aztec Camera and others is held at the People's Palace, Glasgow Green, Glasgow (information 031-556 1212) June 5, £20.

SINGLE: Levitation: "Even When Your Eyes Are Open" (Chrysalis 3 23972) Pumping rhythm, swirling chorus and spacey atmospherics from a band which is led by ex-House Of Love guitarist Terry Bickers.

EXHIBITION: Howard Hughes, composer and performer of computer-generated music, has worked with Peter Murphy, Eurythmics and others. His ambient composition "Wax" combines with artist Bain Smith's paintings in wax to provide "a vibrant assault on the senses". Slaughterhouse Gallery, 63 Charterhouse Street, London EC1 (071-490 0847) Monday until May 8.

EP: George Michael & Queen: Five-Live (Parlophone 6340) Four-track disc, featuring the old Queen hit "Somebody To Love" performed live at last year's Freddie Mercury Concert at Wembley Stadium. Also included is Michael's duet with Lisa Stansfield on Queen's "These Are The Days Of Our Lives" recorded at the same show.

TV: Arrested Development Unplugged (MTV, tonight, 11pm). Even scratch 'n' sample rap crews are getting into the unplugged format. Relieved of their digital back-up Arrested Development are coaxed into some fine vocal performances. Album of the show also available (Chrysalis 3 21994).





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NUTRASWEET LONDON MARATHON RESULTS

Final 5,468 make up tail end of the field

***The Times* concludes its exclusive coverage of the NutraSweet London Marathon with the names and times of the remaining finishers on Sunday. The results were supplied by Unisys, official suppliers of computers for the race.**

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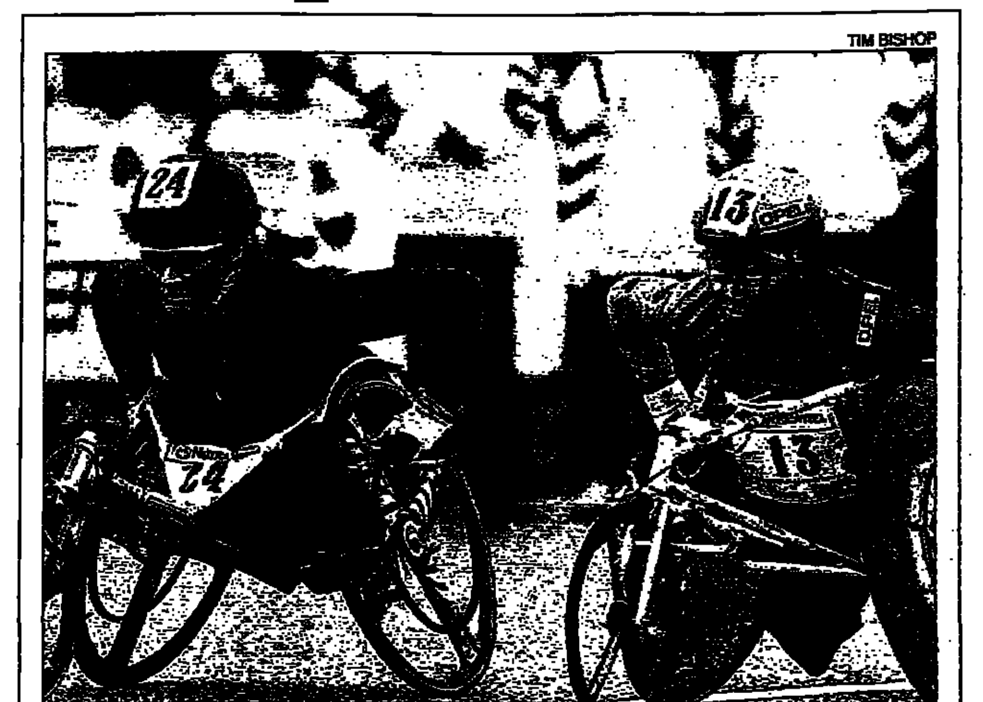
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Fast getaway: wheelchair racers head out of Greenwich at speed

Aerodynamics hold key

WHEN Eamonn Martin lined up for the start of NutraSweet London Marathon, the only last-minute preparations he had to make were to check that his shoelaces were tied, and that he had remembered the Vaseline (Alix Ramsay writes). But for the wheelchair entrants, the technology that goes into their marathon challenge is more akin to the preparations for a Formula One motor racing grand prix. Today race chairs are to standard issue wheelchairs what Ayrton Senna's McLaren-Honda is to a Morris Minor.

Chair design has improved over the years, and all but one of the competitors last Sunday used a three-wheeler with a long wheelbase to give greater stability over rough roads and around corners. Chair designers are always looking for lighter, stronger frames, to create racing machines that can reach 40 miles an hour on downhill sections.

The women's champion, Rose Hill, who set a course record on Sunday, uses a £1,500 British-made Bromakin chair, with carbon-fibre wheels, the wheels costing more than the frame at £1,750. "The carbon wheels roll better, and on downhill runs, they make the difference," she said. "That, with a good tucked position in the chair, and you can lose your opponents very quickly."

Peter Carruthers — who finished second in the quadraplegic race — owns Bromakin Wheelchairs, building tailor-made chairs for clients. Once he has established the size and physical restrictions of a new customer, the most important question is their level of motivation.

"I have to know what sort of contortions they are willing to put themselves through," he said. "To be aerodynamic, they should race in a kneeling position with their feet tucked behind them and their chest resting on their knees — and that is not comfortable."

Race-day conditions can affect performance. The choice of grip on the gloves and whether to put adhesive on the pushing rim in case it rains can cost vital seconds.

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Recovery time: Tina Dorrell, last finisher in the NutraSweet London Marathon, relaxes at her Croydon home after raising £1,600

Plight of invalid mother spurs last runner home

MOST people know about Eamonn Martin's hectic sprint for the line and Katrin Dorre's steady pace, which brought them victories in the NutraSweet London Marathon. But spare a thought for the competitor, who finished last but kept going because she was raising money to help her invalid mother. If honours were handed out for courage in last Sunday's event, Tina Dorrell, 23, from East Croydon, would not be forgotten. She limped home 24,369th in 8hr 54min 56sec. She injured her left knee in training and had to use a treadmill at a fitness centre to prevent damage from pounding on the road. The joint gave way early in the race and with ten miles to go, she got a "burning sensation" in her right ankle. She limped to the finish, remembering her mother, an asthmatic who requires a lung transplant. There was £1,600 for the British Lung Foundation depending on Tina finishing the 26 miles 385 yards. At 6.25pm she did.

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Cooke feels Lions can make quick impact

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE Lions' roar will be heard from the moment the British Isles and Ireland touring party arrives in New Zealand, the team management said yesterday. Even in the first week of preparation in the Bay of Islands, before the opening match against North Auckland, Geoff Cooke hopes to convince his hosts of the quality of the 1993 touring party.

Players and management assembled near London last night for their first weekend together since the party was announced. Though they will concede players to significant league and cup matches tomorrow (among them Ian Hunter, the wing who must prove his fitness for Northampton against London Scottish after a lingering knee injury) Ian McGeechan, the coach, will take the chance to build in the minds of his team a concept of how he believes the All Blacks may be beaten.

"I have a picture of how I want us to play," McGeechan told a Rugby Union Writers' Club lunch in London yesterday. "That does not reflect any one style of play that we have seen in the five nations. Certain parts of our team can, if used properly, give New Zealand a lot of trouble. There are other areas we have to improve on to compete.

"We have to match New Zealanders in their attitude, their thinking and how they perceive the game. We must not be out-thought. There are no easy games in which we can even experiment. Every player has to realise that every game will be a test match, a test against somebody, and that means we will be asking a lot of everyone all the time."

Cooke, the manager, believes the Lions can create a positive impression from the outset: "That first week in New Zealand will be tremendously important, when we must set ourselves high standards and look a thoroughly professional outfit. We have to be flexible and adapt to referees, to local interpretations.

"It can create a bad impression if you come in demanding discussions with local referees. It's up to us, as management, to see the players can respond to the way referees approach the games." The first of the three internationals will be handled by an Australian, probably Brian Kinsey, and the other two by a Frenchman.

Gavin Hastings, the tour captain, ranks the series win by the Lions against Australia in 1989 higher than Scotland's 1990 grand slam and, on his fourth trip to New Zealand, emphasises that reputations will count for nothing unless earned before critical New Zealand eyes.

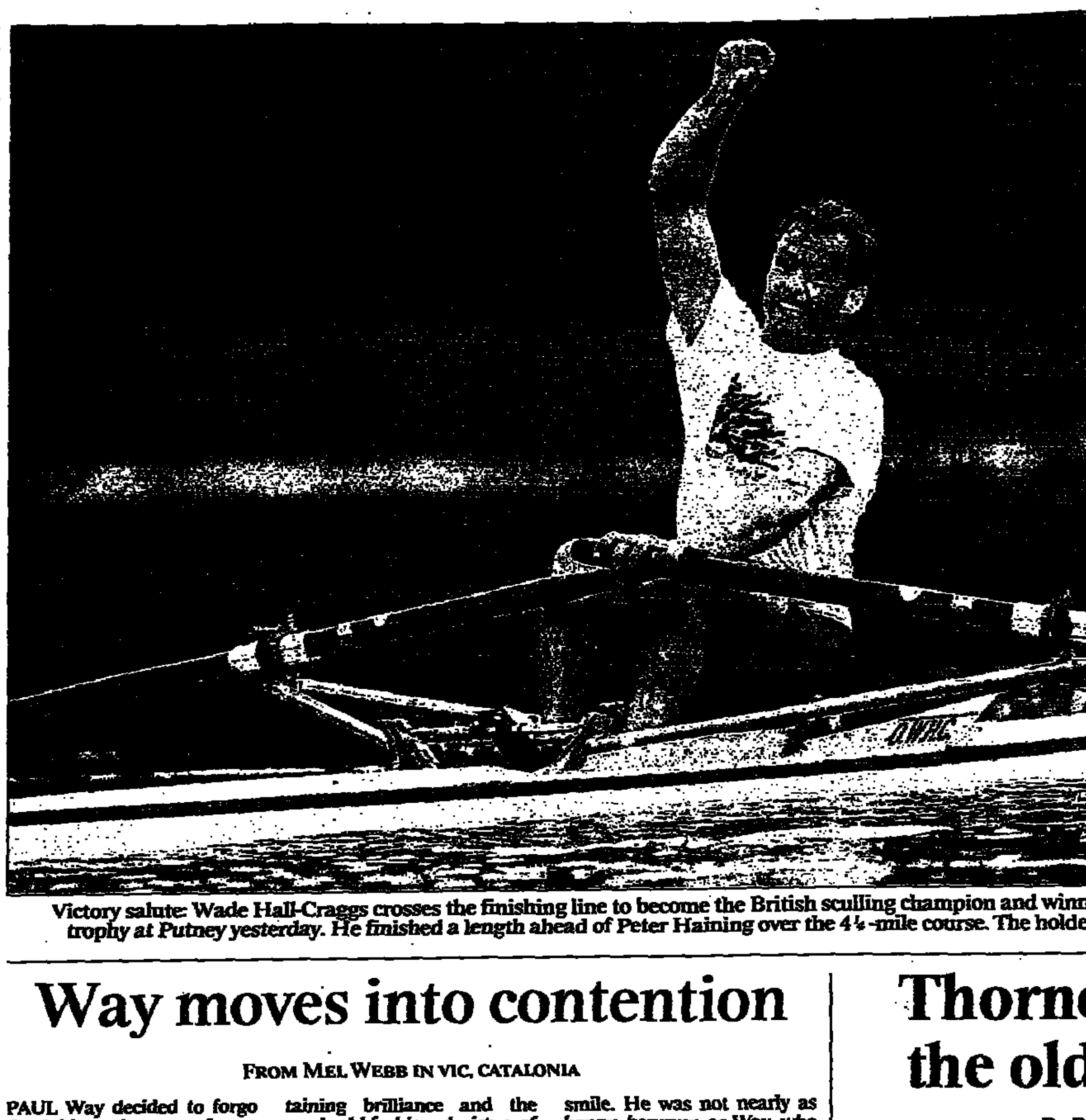
McGeechan will also emphasise the significance of the first Lions tour to New Zealand for ten years. He is convinced that the Lions and World Cups can co-exist despite criticism — notably from Australia — and that the tours should continue for the benefit and improvement of players from the home countries.

But both he and Cooke warned of the demands being placed on the leading group of players: "Administrators have to look hard at what they ask of the top players," McGeechan said. "You can't play 40 or so games in a season. A lot of success at the top level is down to willpower and you don't want to erode that sort of determination by thumping in game after game."

Cooke added that players sought international involvement: "That's the icing on the cake, it's what players want and if you want to reduce the commitments players have to meet, you must reduce the size of the domestic cake."

☐ Derek White, the No 8 who played in the 1989 Lions party in Australia, is to retire, having won 41 Scotland caps.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Victory salute: Wade Hall-Craggs crosses the finishing line to become the British sculling champion and winner of the Wingfield Sculls trophy at Putney yesterday. He finished a length ahead of Peter Haining over the 4¼-mile course. The holder, Guy Pooley, was third

Way moves into contention

From Mel Webb in Vic, Catalonia

PAUL Way decided to forgo the dubious pleasures of moving house this week and came instead to Spain to play golf. If he had not already decided that it had been the right decision, his mind was made up yesterday when he put himself within a shot of the lead in the first round of the Catalan open.

For the last five years of the Eighties, Way suffered a dreadful loss in form after a brilliant early career that saw him play Ryder Cup golf at the age of 20. The once-familiar bounce is, though, slowly returning to his stride. "I was a nervous wreck four years ago," he said. "I'm never going to go through that again." His six-under-par 66 was further proof of his rehabilitation.

With Jay Townsend, of the United States, Darren Clarke and Ross Drummond, Way is a shot behind Alberto Binaghi, of Italy, and Andrew Sherborne after a round containing brilliance and the good, old-fashioned virtue of steadiness under pressure in almost equal measure. After six birdies in the first 13 holes, he closed with five pars that were British workmanship at its best — not always pretty, but rarely less than solidly constructed.

He had a start of which dreams are made. He holed a 20-foot putt at the 1st, missed a birdie putt from four feet at the 2nd, lipped out on the 3rd, birdied the 4th, 5th and 6th, and watched his ball round the hole and stay out on the 7th. If everything had dropped, he could have started writing his acceptance speech there and then. Further birdies at the 10th and 13th concluded the excitement.

Sherborne had five birdies and an eagle, his only error being a three-putt bogey on the 8th, his 17th. "I didn't have too much pain out there today," he said with a small smile. He was not nearly as happy, however, as Way, who has left the trauma of finding the teapot and making sure the fridge is not put in the bedroom to his parents and his girlfriend, Sally, who will be waging the obligatory small war with the removal men today. They will be hoping he maintains yesterday's form until Sunday. If he wins, £50,000 will be his; it should be quite a housewarming party.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 65: A Binaghi (It), A Sherborne. 66: J Townsend (US), P Way, D Clarke, R Drummond. 67: S Tinning (Den), S Grappasonni (It), G Turner (NZ), M Gates. 68: S Ames (Trin), H-P Thuel (Ger), P Curry, F Nobilo (NZ), J M Olazábal (Sp), J Spence, B Marchbank, A Hare, G Evans, B Lane, J Payne.

69: D W Basson (SA), M Martin (Sp), E Darcy, A Gilner (Swe), A Bossert (Swiz), F Lindgren (Swe), R Chapman, J Carriles (Spain), J Robinson, I Woosnam, J M Cañizares (Sp), D Hospital (Sp), I Garbutt, J Parnevik (Swe), D Curry. 70: J Sewell, S Bowman (US), A Forsbrand (Swe), J Davila (Sp), R Mann, E O'Connell, G J Brand, S McAllister, M Sunesson (Swe), D Cooper, B Malley (US), P McGinley, M Mackenzie, J Van de Velde (Fr), M A Jiménez (Sp), J Rivero (Sp), D J Russell, P Walton.

Thorne back in the old routine

By Phil Yates

WILLIE Thorne, now largely free of the personal problems which affected his form two years ago, produced high-quality play as he held John Parrott to 4-4 after the opening session of their best-of-25-frame second-round match in the £1 million Embassy world championship at Sheffield yesterday.

At the 1991 championship — won by Parrott — Thorne relinquished his place in the world's top 16 when he was beaten 10-8 in the first round by Alan McManus. With mounting financial and marriage difficulties, his exile from the game's elite was expected to be permanent.

However, Thorne, who was declared bankrupt last summer, began the season fifteenth in the world rankings and is eighth on the provisional list for 1993-94 after consistent results.

Runs of 45 and 68 enabled Thorne to share the first four frames with Parrott before he moved 3-2 ahead with a 104 break.

Parrott, in the doldrums since winning early season tournaments in China and Dubai, levelled at 3-3 and was well placed to lead when he opened a 50-point advantage in the seventh frame. Parrott missed a straightforward red and Thorne stole the frame on the black with an excellent 59 clearance. Parrott did, however, close the session by constructing a decisive 52 break in the last frame of the afternoon.

Martin Clark, the world No 12, was on the verge of reaching the last 16 of a ranking event for the first time this season. Clark led Karl Payne, of Birmingham, 9-6.

SCORES: First round: M Clark (Eng) leads K Payne (Eng), 9-6. Second round: J Parrott (Eng) level with W Thorne (Eng), 4-4.

Brugera masters off-form Lendl

IVAN Lendl, the former world No 1, admitted giving one of his worst displays in a decade after being beaten by Sergi Brugera, of Spain, in the Monte Carlo Open tennis championship yesterday. Lendl, the fifth seed and twice champion in Monte Carlo, lost 6-1, 6-2 in 1hr 17min.

"It was one of the worst matches I've played in the last ten years," Lendl, 33, said. "You just have to forget about it and work on the things you need to work on. It's frustrating — I've been playing fairly well lately."

But Lendl still felt he could add to his tally of eight grand slam titles. "I still have a grand slam in me," he said.

Alex Corretja, of Spain, a qualifier ranked No 92 in the world, reached the quarter-finals by beating Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. He now faces Thomas Muster, of Austria, the champion and eighth seed.

Petr Korda, the third seed, from the Czech Republic, lost 6-3, 6-0 to Cedric Pioline, of France.

☐ Shirli-Ann Siddall, the top seed, from Bournemouth, reached the women's quarter-finals of the LTA spring satellite tournament in Nottingham yesterday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Cornelia Grumes, of Germany.

She was joined by her fellow Britons, Valda Lake and Julie Salmon, who registered straight sets wins over Maria Carmen-Garcia, of Spain, and Emily Bond, from Gloucestershire, respectively.

In the men's tournament, Jamie Delgado, Britain's Australian open junior semi-finalist, moved into the quarter-finals by beating Sebastian Hette, of France, 7-6, 6-2. Hette, ranked No 400 in the world, led 5-1 in the first set before Berkshire-based Delgado, 16, recovered to take the next five games.

He clinched the first set 7-0 on the tie-break and broke Hette in the opening game of the second. Hette then held service only once as Delgado took the match.

James Baily, Britain's Australian junior champion, was defeated in the second round by the Australian, Brent Larkham, 6-2, 6-4.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 2, Chicago Cubs 0; Atlanta Braves 7, Florida Marlins 4; Montreal Expos 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; Cincinnati Reds 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 7 (12 inns); New York Mets 10, San Francisco Giants 0; Colorado Rockies 11, St Louis Cardinals 2. Postponed: San Diego Padres v Philadelphia Phillies.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Texas Rangers 4; Milwaukee Brewers 10, Minnesota Twins 8 (10 inns); Kansas City Royals 6, Toronto Blue Jays 5; California Angels 7, Cleveland Indians 6; New York Yankees 5, Oakland Athletics 3; Seattle Mariners 5, Boston Red Sox 0. Postponed: Chicago White Sox v Baltimore Orioles.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 126 Orlando Magic 98; Charlotte Hornets 119 Milwaukee Bucks 111; New York Knicks 105 New Jersey Nets 74; Philadelphia 76ers 107 Miami Heat 97; Atlanta Hawks 119 Washington Bullets 98; Cleveland Cavaliers 111 Indiana Pacers 95; Denver Nuggets 137 Dallas Mavericks 112; Utah Jazz 113 Los Angeles Lakers 102; Golden State Warriors 132 Sacramento Kings 105.

BOWLS

TWEED HEAD, Australia: Jack High tournament: Section A: R Corsie (Scot) bt D Stockham (Aus), 9-7, 6-9, 9-8; M Johnston (Ire) bt R Parrella (Aus), 2-9, 9-8, 10-8; Corsie bt J Rabkin (Isr), 9-4, 9-7. Section B: G Smith (Eng) bt T Morris (Aus), 9-8, 2-9, 9-1; M McMahon (HK) bt D Shaw (Aus), 9-4, 9-2; Smith bt C Curtis (Aus), 9-3, 4-9, 9-7.

CRICKET

THE OVAL (second day of four): England Under-19 586-9 dec (M Vaughan 183, J Daley 94, M Dowman 79, G Chapple 72, M Walker 50); Surrey II 227-2 (M Butcher 86 not out, P Atkins 56 not out, A Smith 55).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: London Cricket College 204, Chigwell 112-8; Colchester RGS 213-5 (Kennedy 102 not out), Brentwood 180-8 (Witney 87, Vereker 54); Chigwell 166-4 (Offen 115), John Lyon 129-6.

GOLF

KENILWORTH: Golf Foundation team championship for schools: English final: 229: Berkhamsted. 234: Valley, Worksop; Hirst HS, Ashington. 235: Norfolk Coll, King's Lynn. Best individual score: 72: P Williams (Berkhamsted).

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Flamengo (Br) 1, São Paulo (Br) 1; Universidad Catolica (Chile) 3, Barcelona (Ec) 1; Cerro Porteno (Par) 1, Olimpia (Par) 1; America/Cali (Col) 2, Sporting Cristal (Peru) 2.
Late results on Wednesday
EUROPEAN CUP: Champions League: Group A: Bruges 0, Marseilles 1; Rangers 0, CSKA Moscow 0. Group B: AC Milan 2, PSV Eindhoven 0; Porto 2, IFK Gothenburg 0.
FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 1, Nottingham Forest 1; Blackburn 3, Aston Villa 0; Crystal Palace 0, Manchester Utd 2; Liverpool 2, Leeds 0; Manchester City 1, Wimbledon 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Sheffield Utd 1.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Reading 1, West Bromwich 1.
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Area final: Second leg: Exeter 1, Port Vale 1 (agg: 2-3).
SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Under-18: England 2, Austria 1 (at Middlesbrough).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Newport AFC 2, Redditch 1. Southern division: Salisbury 5, Bury Town 3; Witney 1, Canterbury 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 0, Enfield 1; Wokingham 3, Sutton Utd 3.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 1, Accrington Stanley 0. First division: Ashton 2, Warrington 1; Caernarfon 0, Workington 1; Great Harwood 0, Netherfield 3. President's Cup: Final, first leg: Winsford 2, Southport 0.
BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Mechanics 2, Chadderton 4; Darwen 1, Blackpool Rovers 0; Glossop North End 0, Flixton 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2, Guisborough Town 2; Consett 1, Seaham RS 2; Hebburn 1, Ferryhill 2; South Bank 0, Brandon 2; Whitby 5, Tow Law 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Eccleshill 3, Glasshoughton 1; Winterton 1, Brigg 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Torquay 1, Clevedon 1; Westbury 2, Minehead 1.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry 1, Aberystwyth 2; Llanelli 0, Afan Lido 2; Porthmadog 3, Mold 0.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-final replay: Derry City 2, Shelbourne 3.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 1, Volendam 1.

ICE HOCKEY

MUNICH: World championships: Pool A: Sweden 6, Italy 2; Russia 6, Switzerland 0. Pool B: Czech Republic 2, Norway 0; United States 6, France 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round (best of seven games): St Louis Blues 2, Chicago Blackhawks 0 (St Louis lead 2-0); Detroit Red Wings 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 2 (Detroit lead 2-0); Calgary Flames 9, Los Angeles Kings 4, (series level 1-1); Vancouver Canucks 3, Winnipeg Jets 2 (Vancouver lead 2-0).

MOTOR RALLYING

LOMBARD LONDON-SYDNEY MARATHON: Fifth day (Bratislava to Szeged): 1, G Lorimer and G Smith (Ford Escort), 48min 34sec; 2, F Tuthill and A Showell (Porsche 911), 48:58; 3, C Short and N Starkey (Ford Escort), 49:12; 4, T Daly and B Brill (Ford Mustang), 49:22; 5, R Clark and A Moy (Ford Escort), 49:59; 6, R Dunkerton and H Mansson (Ford Falcon), 50:09.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British open doubles: First round: K Walker and P Maxwell bt G Hewitt and C Mason, 15-4, 15-9, 15-7, 15-5; G Cockroft and M Hue Williams bt P Henman and M Gooding, 15-6, 15-5, 15-8, 15-9; M Nicholls and P Nicholls bt J Beaumont and R Trimble, 15-12, 15-9, 15-4, 11-15, 13-18, 15-5; W Boone and N Smith bt D Mackey and G Devereux 18-14, 15-1, 15-11, 15-10.

REAL TENNIS

AIKEN, South Carolina: Aiken doubles championships (US unless stated): Semi-finals: J Snow (GB) and R Howe bt J Knott and L Drayton, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1; M McMurrugh (GB) and M Clother bt P Bostwick and N Pendrigh, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Final: Snow and Howe bt McMurrugh and Clother, 6-4, 6-2, 6-5. Handicap event: Quarter-finals: J Grant (GB) and S Jones (GB) bt J Knott and J Mazdin, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3; C Bostwick and B Fairbams (GB) bt J Snow (GB) and P Muddyman, 6-5, 6-4; P Bostwick and N Pendrigh (GB) bt P Sauerborn and G Handy, 6-5, 6-4; M and M McMurrugh (GB) bt H Honeck and D Stoker, 6-5, 6-1. Semi-finals: Bostwick and Fairbams bt Grant and Jones, 6-0, 5-6, 6-5; McMurrugh and McMurrugh bt Bostwick and Pendrigh 6-4, 0-6, 4-1, ret. Final: Bostwick and Fairbams bt McMurrugh and McMurrugh, 6-5, 4-6, 6-4.

ROWING

PUTNEY: Wingfield Sculls: 1, W Hall-Craggs (Tideway Scullers), 21min 13sec; 2, P Haining (Auriol Kensington), 21:16; 3, G Pooley (Leander), 21:27. L Fletcher (Thames), A Murray (Leander), R Humphrey (Tideway Scullers) failed to finish.

TENNIS

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open: Third round: J Svensson (Swe) bt U Stenlund (Swe), 6-0, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; S Bruguera (Sp) bt I Lendl (US), 6-1, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; C Pioline (Fr) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-3, 6-0; C Costa (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-1, 6-0.
NOTTINGHAM: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: First round: P Kilderry (Aus) bt Y Lafeuvre (Can), 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; B Larkham (Aus) bt M Zimmerman (US), 6-4, 7-6; S Hette (Fr) bt N Gould (Bristol), 6-4, 6-3; J Delgado (Warks) bt D Cowan (Lancs), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; T Henman (Oxford) bt T Hand (Berks), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. Second round: P Kilderry (Aus) bt J Hunter, 6-3, 6-4; B Larkham (Aus) bt J Baily, 6-2, 6-4; J Delgado bt S Hette (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; C Ferraira (SA) bt S Scaiola (It), 6-2, 6-4; A Beust (Fr) bt C Beecher, 6-1, 7-6; W Arthurs (Aus) bt L Matthews, 6-3, 6-4; T Henman bt J Holmes (Aus), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt D Sapsford, 6-3 7-5. Women: Second round: S Siddall bt C Grumes (Ger), 6-4, 6-3; L Richterova (Cz) bt A Castera (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; P Piorkowski (US) bt S Piffen (It), 6-1, 6-2; J Salmon bt E Bond, 6-1, 6-3; N Egorova (CIS) bt N Chesovaya (CIS), 6-4, 6-4; V Lake bt M C Garcia (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; R Mawdsley (Aus) bt C Hunt, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; L Bois (Fr) bt A Wainwright, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 14.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 4,947 miles; 2, British Steel II (R Tudor), 4,952; 3, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 5,005; 4, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 5,009; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 5,017; 6, Interspray (P Jeffes), 5,019; 7 equal, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), and Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 5,022; 9, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 5,040; 10, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 5,041.

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WORD-WATCHING

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CANAIGRE

(c) A species of dock, *Rumex hymenosepalus*, which is grown on sandy soils from Texas to Lower California, and whose roots are rich in tannin; also, the tannin obtained from this plant; from the Mexican Spanish: "Considerable promise attends the experiments upon canaigre as a source of tannin."

TENDAI

(a) A Buddhist sect introduced into Japan from China by the monk Saichō (767-822) founded by Zhi Yi (515-97) and characterised by elaborate ritual, moral idealism, and philosophical eclecticism, adapted from the Chinese *Tien Tai*, the name of the mountain in S. E. China where the doctrines were formulated: "The philosophy of Tendai is too abstract and abstruse to be understood by the masses."

PULLERY

(b) The place in which wool, hair, and bristles are removed from hides, in tanning, from *pull* + *-ery*: "The relations between the soaking process and the subsequent processes of the beamhouse or pullery, and the tannery are close."

KANGRI

(a) A small wicker-covered clay-lined pot filled with glowing charcoal, carried especially by Kashmiris next to the skin to warm the air beneath the clothing, from the Kashmiri *kangarü*: "A form of cancer in the natives of Kashmir, due to their habit of carrying a portable fire-basket (kangri) beneath their clothes in contact with the abdominal skin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The game was terminated by 1 ...Qxg3+! and if 2 Kxg3 Be5 mate.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
First division
Southend v Grimsby (7.45)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Brighton (7.30).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Stoke (7.0).

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
Second day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v England A.
University matches
Final day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Kent.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan.
OTHER MATCH (final day of four): Surrey II v England U-19 (The Oval).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Premiership
First round
St Helens v Halifax (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield).
HOCKEY: Women's home counties championship (Cardiff). Wales v Scotland (11.0); England v Ireland (2.30).



FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

Apr 29 Lambson Group Ltd, Pannal, 40 players
Apr 29 Cilbank-Citiclub, Sudbury, 25 players
Apr 29 Shell Chemicals (UK) Ltd, Dunham Forest, 70 players
Apr 29 Lamco Paper Sales Ltd, Welwyn GC, 84 players
Apr 30 Bride Hall Group plc, Brocket Hall, 25+ players
Apr 30 Godsell Astley & Pearce Ltd, Walton Heath, 45 players
Apr 30 Services UK Ltd, West Chiltington, 36 players

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Paddysway (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 2, Miss Simone (12-1); 3, Wings Of Freedom (14-1) Cambo 9-2 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, ¾l. G Ham. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £1.90, £4.30. DF: £42.20. CSF: £77.08. Tricast: £1,032.27.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Space Fair (A Maguire, 7-2). 2, Fragrant Dawn (11-4 fav); 3, Dr Rocket (20-1). 9 ran. 4l, nk. R Lee. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £7.80. CSF: £12.05. Tricast: £131.95.

3.25 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Knave Of Clubs (D Bridgwater, 5-2 fav). 2, Senda (12-1); 3, The Decent Thing (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Postage Stamp, Fairfields Cone. 2l, nk. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.30; £2.00, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £35.00. Trio: £159.80. CSF: £30.29. Tricast: £284.01.

4.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 8-11 fav); 2, Celtic Leisure (20-1); 3, Gaelic Cherry (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Ardesee. 7l, dist. R Wilkins. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £14.70. CSF: £14.06.

4.35 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Her Honour (C Swan, 11-8 fav); 2, Cariboo Gold (11-2); 3, Quadrireme (7-2). 9 ran. ½l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £6.81.

5.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Fleshthecash (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Indian Tonic (3-1 fav); 3, Camelot Knight (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Thatcher Rock, K C's Dancer, Kelly Owens. 6l, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.60, £5.60. DF: £5.00. CSF: £13.43. Tricast: £162.05.

5.40 (2m 1f flat) 1, Fine Thyne (Miss A Harwood, 8-1); †2, Bell Staffboy (3-1 fav); †2, Harry The Horse (33-1). 23 ran. NR: Mellon Pride. Nk, dd-ht. G Harwood. Tote: £9.20; £3.70, Bell Staffboy £2.00, Harry The Horse £6.90. DF: Fine Thyne, Bell Staffboy £10.00; Fine Thyne, Harry The Horse £37.30. CSF: Fine Thyne, Bell Staffboy £17.87; Fine Thyne, Harry The Horse £127.34.

6.10 (2m 1f flat) 1, Call Home (P Hide, 6-1); 2, Mr Clancy (14-1); 3, Squires Tale (11-1). Arctic Kinsman 7-4 fav. 24 ran. Hd, 10l. J Gifford. Tote: £6.20; £2.70, £5.50, £4.80. DF: £134.60. CSF: £101.25.

Jackpot: £3,167.00.

Placepot: £112.00.

Beverley

Going: good to soft

2.10 (5f) 1, Cynic (G Duffield, 5-4 fav); 2, Hope Hall (7-4); 3, Export Mondial (8-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 2½l. J Watts. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.49.

2.45 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Lock Tight (A Culhane, 14-1); 2, Nomadic Fire (7-1); 3, Palacegate Sunset (5-1 jt-fav). Backstabber 5-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. ¾l, 1½l. R Whitaker. Tote: £45.30; £5.40, £3.40, £1.90. DF: £84.60. CSF: £119.00.

3.15 (7f 100yd) 1, Abbey's Gal (L Detton, 9-2: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Shintillo (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Chevrotain (11-2). Mullitover 3-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1l, 3½l. I Balding. Tote: £6.00; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £8.10. CSF: £17.32.

3.45 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Bay Queen (M Fenton, 7-1); 2, He's A King (5-1); 3, Collier Bay (2-1 fav). 10 ran. 1½l, sh hd. M Bell. Tote: £8.30; £2.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £8.30. CSF: £42.08. Tricast: £88.85.

4.15 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Romola Nijinsky (D Holland, 13-2 fav); 2, First Bid (7-1); 3, Kinoko (9-1); 4, Aegaen Lady (12-1). 19 ran. 1½l, nk. P Evans. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.90, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £10.70. CSF: £50.85. Tricast: £383.91.

4.45 (1m 100yd) 1, Chatoyant (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Brown's (9-2); 3, Al Senafi (9-2). El Gahar 6-4 fav. 16 ran. ½l, nk. J Watts. Tote: £11.50; £1.60, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £25.80. CSF: £63.46

Placepot: £89.80.

Perth

Going: soft

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Cultured (N Williamson, 4-9 fav); 2, Storm Drum (5-1); 3, Gavelo (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Denim Blue. 8l, 1½l. J White. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.37.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Forth And Tay (P Williams, 9-2); 2, Break The Chain (8-13 fav); 3, Celtic Waters (33-1). 5 ran. NR: Zam Bee. 4l, 7l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £6.50; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £7.56.

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Aragon Ayr (M Moloney, 11-1); 2, Blackdown (12-1); 3, Captain Tancred (12-1). Majority Holding 9-4 jt-fav. 18 ran. NR: Kirstenbosch. 3l, 12l. P Monteith. Tote: £12.90; £2.80, £9.60, £2.50. DF: £103.10. CSF: £136.72.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Spree Cross (K Johnson, 4-1); 2, Last 'O' The Bunch (4-9 fav); 3, Sonsie Mo (20-1). 4 ran. 10l, 4l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £4.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £6.20.

4.05 (2m 4f 110yd) 1, Clonroche Driller (Mr D Parker, 8-1); 2, Lapiaffe (9-1); 3, On The Hooch (7-2). Run Pet Run 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 8l, 15l. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £18.70; £2.30, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £77.80. CSF: £67.35. Tricast: £266.18.

4.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Beachy Head (M Dwyer, 7-2); 2, Willie Sparkle (9-4 fav); 3, Tree Poppy (11-4). 7 ran. NR: Marlingford. 6l, 5l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £1.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £11.90. Tricast: £22.35.

Placepot: £210.20.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS: Tiverton Hunt: 1, Little Lemon (N Moore, 2-1); 2, Roving Glen; 3, Happy Padre. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Bit Of A Difference (R Payne, 6-1); 2, Aherlow Glen; 3, The Doormaker. 15 ran. Ladies: 1, Try It Alone (Miss L Blackford, 6-1); 2, Storember Lad; 3, Walk in the Woods. 10 ran. Open: 1, Music Minstrel (J Farthing, 7-1); 2, Intec; 3, Yahoo. 10 ran. PPOA: 1, Searcey (H Rowsell, 3-1); 2, Melton Park; 3, Great Gusto. 10 ran. Maiden (Div 1): 1, Bincombe Top (L Jefford, 3-1); 2, Season's Choice; 3, Miss Pernickity. 12 ran. Maiden (Div II): 1, Barney Brook (A Wardall, 7-1); 2, Gel Stepping; 3, Morchard Milly. 9 ran.

TODAY'S MEETING: Worcestershire, Chaddesley Corbett, six miles west of Bromsgrove (first race 4.00)

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

5.30 Radio Cue. 6.00 The Holy Golfer. 6.30 Aldington Bell. 7.00 Hard To Hold. 7.30 Nougat Russe. 8.00 Cruise Along.

Brian Beel: 5.30 Radio Cue.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

5.30 NSPCC HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,380: 3m) (11 runners)

1 212P CURAHEEN BOY 21 (D,F,G) C Trietline 13-12-5 Miss J Butler (7)
2 21R1 KNOCKUMSHIN 7 (D,F,G,S) S Smith 10-12-5 T Byrne (7)
3 0P-1 DOUBTING DONNA 10 (D,S) Mrs D Hughes 7-12-0 V Hughes (7)
4 P-62 CROCK-NA-NEE 11 (G,S) Mrs F Vigors 12-11-12 C Vigors (7)
5 31-0 NOEL LUCK 21 (CD,F,S) Mrs H Dee 13-11-12 Miss S Duckett (7)
6 4/03 NORTH WOLD PARK 29 D Fletcher 9-11-12 —
7 F0P- PADDY'S POND 345 (F) N Reece 15-11-12 M Sheppard (7)
8 501/ RADIO CUE 697 (F) P Bowen 10-11-12 J A Llewellyn (7)
9 P-50 THE CITY MINSTREL 52 (CD,F,G) S Bush 8-11-12 J Durkan (3)
10 -PU3 AUGUST FOLLY 11 (G,F) P Andrews 13-11-7 D Duggan (7)
11 0F8/ NEW GAME 897 (CD,F) M Fear 11-11-7 Miss T Cave (7)

9-4 Knockumshin, 11-4 Curaheen Boy, 5-1 Doubting Donna, 7-1 Crock-Na-Nee, 10-1 North Wold Park, 14-1 The City Minstrel, 20-1 others.

6.00 LUDLOW RACECOURSE BOOKMAKERS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,475: 2m) (18)

1 P532 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 22 (B) M Williams 5-11-4 W McFarland
2 00- CREAM OF THE CROP 301F J Wharton 5-11-4 B Dalton (7)
3 F FRIENDLYPERSUASION 11 Miss J Southall 5-11-4 S Wynne (3)
4 60-0 SOMERBY 46 J Wharton 6-11-4 S J O'Neill
5 0428 THE HOLY GOLFER 20 D Gandolfo 6-11-4 P Holley
6 0003 BELLING BELLING 11 C Jones 5-10-13 Katherine Davis (7)
7 0PPP BERRY'S SKY LARK 60 F Jordan 6-10-13 J Lodder
8 0005 PIKE'S CAROLORRE 28 J Bradley 6-10-13 W Marston (3)
9 45-8 PRIMA AURORA 11 A Hambly 5-10-13 Mr A Hambly
10 5P-0 RAGLAN LADY 6 A Bailey 6-10-13 T Wall
11 0004 RUST MOOR 28 R Price 6-10-13 R Davis (5)
12 1004 TAURIAN PRINCESS 76 (D,S) W Clay 4-10-13 Diane Clay
13 WOLF WOOD 543F S Christian 5-10-13 M McGonagle (5)
14 5 CERFYL DU 29 D Burchell 4-10-12 Mr R Miles
15 PF LAUREL CONNECTION 13 Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-12 R Bellamy
16 PF LIMPAC EXPRESS 58 (V) P Dalton 4-10-12 N Mann
17 0504 MANULIFE 20 R Brotherton 4-10-12 D Meredith (3)
18 OSSIE 36F B Palling 4-10-12 J Osborne

5-2 Taurian Princess, 11-4 Manulife, 11-2 Prima Aurora, 6-1 Ambassador Royale, 8-1 Raglan Lady, 10-1 Belling Belling, 12-1 The Holy Golfer, 20-1 others.

6.30 BROMFIELD SAND AND GRAVEL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,200: 2m 4f) (13)

1 14-3 SPACIAL 18 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-12-0 C Llewellyn
2 J416 WARLEGGAN 171 (C,BF,F,G) G Ham 12-11-8 R Davis
3 12P1 SOME OBLIGATION 11 (C,F,G,S) J Upson 8-11-0 (5ex) R Supple
4 -553 WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 45 (D,BF,G,S) Miss H Knight 10-10-9 J Osborne
5 U062 YORKSHIREMAN 16 (F,G,S) J Glover 8-10-5 T Reed
6 F0-3 J J JIMMY 30 (D,F,G,S) S Christian 9-10-2 G Upton
7 1135 CLARES OWN 105 (F,S) J Wade 9-10-0 K Jones
8 5331 MISTER FEATHERS 22 (CD,F,G) J King 12-10-0 J Kavanagh
9 1115 CASINO MAGIC 31 (D,F,G,S) J Spearing 9-10-0 W Marston (3)
10 1121 ALDINGTON BELL 28 (B,CD,F) C Trietline 10-10-0 D Bridgwater
11 613P VULRORY'S CLOWN 11 (D,F,G,S) D Brennan 15-10-0 M Brennan
12 0PF8 SANDMOOR PRINCE 30 (D,F) P Pritchard 10-10-0 Dr P Pritchard
13 10F- DREAMCOAT 580 (D,F,S) R Lee 12-10-0 D Murphy

3-1 Mister Feathers, 4-1 Aldington Bell, 11-2 Some Obligation, 7-1 Yorkshireman, 8-1 Clares Own, Spacial, What's Your Problem, 10-1 Warleggan, 14-1 others.

7.00 SARA HAMILTON-RUSSELL MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,560: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

1 P500 PETTY BRIDGE 2 (CD,F,G,S) A James 9-12-0 R Bellamy
2 2PPF MAYFAIR MINX 52 (D,F,G) S Christian 9-11-9 M McGonagle (5)
3 U110 RABA RIBA 10 (D) J Spearing 8-11-8 W Marston (3)
4 1022 HARD TO HOLD 11 (F,G,S) A Hambly 10-11-5 Mr A Hambly
5 4103 SEA TROUT 23 (CD,F) C Jones 9-11-1 G Upton
6 4-60 MIDNIGHT STRIKE 22 (B,F,S) M Williams 9-11-0 W McFarland
7 -304 KNIGHTON COOMBE 11 (G,S) T Forster 7-10-12 C Llewellyn
8 3420 CLASSIC STATEMENT 23 (V,F,S) R Lee 7-10-11 D Murphy
9 154P PARDON ME MUM 118 (B,D,G,S) K Bailey 8-10-10 Mr J Durkan
10 120F FIRST CRACK 6 (C,F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-7 J Lodder
11 3335 CHARLIE DICKINS 11 (C,S) J Harris 9-10-0 J Osborne
12 -080 KASHAN 16 (G) J Bradley 5-10-0 Lorna Vincent
13 0324 ANDRELOT 11 (V,C,F,G) K White 6-10-0 A O'Hagan
14 5-0P MISTS OF TIME 23 (D,F,G) C Vernon Miller 10-10-0 D Bridgwater

4-1 Hard To Hold, 5-1 Knighton Coombe, 6-1 Raba Riba, 7-1 Sea Trout, 8-1 Pardon Me Mum, Petty Bridge, 10-1 Charlie Dickins, Midnight Strike, 12-1 others.

7.30 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,560: 3m) (11)

1 2312 NOUGAT RUSSE 23 (CD,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 12-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 URP2 DERRING VALLEY 13 (B,G,S) A Jones 6-11-8 G Upton
3 1F32 CLARES HORSE 27 (G) J Upson 6-11-4 R Supple
4 PP12 WOODLAND FLOWER 32 (B,BF,F,G) O Sherwood 8-11-4 J Osborne
5 6-50 OH SO BOLD 20 J Bradley 6-10-9 W Marston (3)
6 PP05 RINGYBOY 13 (G,S) J Bennett 8-10-9 S Burrough
7 0062 KELLY OWENS 34 (B) N Smith 8-10-9 P Leach
8 0PU3 CAIRNEYMOUNT 50 J Edwards 7-10-9 N Williamson
9 4244 EXPOUND 11 (B,G) R Juckes 8-10-9 W Humphreys
10 04U4 MAYTOWN 29 (V) P Murphy 7-10-9 D Murphy
11 0PUF SOLAR GREEN 41 G Ham 8-10-9 S Mackey

3-1 Derring Valley, 7-2 Kelly Owens, 4-1 Woodland Flower, 9-2 Nougat Russe, 5-1 Clares Horse, 10-1 Cairneymount, 14-1 Maytown, 20-1 others.

8.00 TRIPLEPRINT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

1 6313 FACTOR TEN 11 (G) Miss H Knight 5-11-9 J Osborne
2 P035 KANO WARRIOR 6 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 D Bridgwater
3 2443 KILLULA CHIEF 146 (B) K Bailey 6-11-2 J Railton
4 3006 KNIGHTLY ARGUS 34 S Sherwood 6-11-2 G Upton
5 045/ MUSCLETON 741 D Elsworth 8-11-2 P Holley
6 305P PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 137 R Price 6-11-2 R Davis (5)
7 0P63 SCRIVEN BOY 27 (V) J Edwards 6-11-2 N Williamson
8 -P5P SPIN THE COIN 11 B Preece 7-11-2 T Wall
9 3/F0 TAURUS 13 Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 M Pitman
10 /PPF CANOWINDRA 22 C Jones 8-10-11 G Upton
11 0023 CRUISE ALONG 52 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 C Llewellyn
12 50-2 RUBY LOOK 11 (BF) N Smith 5-10-11 P Leach
13 2F00 THE LAST MISTRESS 16 D Wintle 6-10-11 P McDermott
14 562 BOWLAND GIRL 31 R Hollinshead 4-10-4 S Wynne (3)

9-4 Cruise Along, 4-1 Factor Ten, 6-1 Kano Warrior, Killula Chief, 8-1 The Last Mistress, 10-1 Knightly Argus, Scriven Boy, 16-1 Muscleton, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; S Christian, 6 from 25, 24.0%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 23, 21.7%; R Price, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Upson, 4 from 20, 20.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: W Marston, 6 winners from 20 rides, 30.0%; S Burrough, 4 from 16, 25.0%; Mr D Duggan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Osborne, 4 from 17, 23.5%; G Upton, 4 from 23, 17.4%; N Williamson, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

Dubai-based filly nurtured in desert sun

Dayflower has classic start

By Julian Muscat

ELIZABETH Bay, the French-trained 1,000 Guineas favourite, will have to overcome the inconvenience of a cross-channel journey when she contests the first fillies' classic on Thursday.

The route from Chantilly to Newmarket has become a well-trodden path, but new ground will be broken when Dayflower returns to these shores next week. She will be the first runner in Britain from the deserts of Dubai.

Dayflower's confirmed participation represents the concluding episode in an experiment by the ever-adventurous Shaikh Mohammed, the territories' defence minister and, by some way, largest racehorse owner in the world.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Leif The Lucky
(2.45 Carlisle)
Next best: Rose Alto
(5.20 Sandown)

The Shaikh dispatched Dayflower to Dubai to circumvent the effects of the harsh British winter on fillies, who can take longer to bloom after a cold spell than the tight, 1,000 Guineas schedule will allow.

An avid reader of racing history, Shaikh Mohammed perhaps noted that Sir Ivor spent the winter in the Tuscan climate of Pisa prior to his 2,000 Guineas and Derby victories of 1968. Whatever, Dayflower is expected in Newmarket on Monday and will be put through her paces by big-race jockey, Lanfranco Dettori, before Guineas day.

Dayflower won her only British race when trained by Henry Cecil last season. However, she had earlier reared up in the stalls on her debut at Doncaster in June, and refused to take any part. Consequently, it has been hard to assess her true ability before she journeyed to Dubai.

Evaluating her chance is difficult; even Ladbrokes confess to a distinct lack of information. As the firm's spokesman Rob Hartnett put it: "It has proved beyond us to get word back from the work watchers in the desert."

Michael Roberts actually rode the filly on his recent Dubai trip for last month's international jockeys' challenge. He was reportedly very taken by what he saw, but then, he is Shaikh Mohammed's retained jockey and diplomacy could understandably have been uppermost in his mind.

In the interim the Shaikh has made Dayflower a present to his eldest brother, Shaikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, but Roberts still enthused of the chestnut: "I'm not sure whether she'll be good enough, but on looks alone nothing would beat her. She looks absolutely magnificent in her coat, just like a gold bar."

Overseeing the shaikh's flight of fancy is Satish Seemar, who left the United States last year to set up as a trainer in Dubai. He's looking forward to the challenge but the interest this venture has quite naturally generated seems to have put him on edge.

"There has been a lot of publicity, but everything to do with Dayflower's pedigree and past performance suggests she is not a top-class horse," he said. Indeed, Dayflower ran in a race on the dirt track at Nad Al Sheba racecourse last week, and could finish only second under tender handling. Seemar remains undeterred. "You'll see her at her best when she's back on grass," he promised.

There are already some 400 horses in the Emirates, spread among 18 trainers, but Seemar insists the level of racing is unlikely to rise to the highest international standards even though there are two-year-olds by leading sires like Mr Prospector and The Minstrel within the ranks.

"I don't think the Maktoums's racing interests in America and Europe will be affected by racing in Dubai," he said. It would be catastrophic, not to say a shade ironic, if the family were to retreat to Dubai with all their thoroughbreds, themselves descendants of pure-bred Arab horses.

Seemar, however, is preoccupied with Dayflower's imminent quest for fame. "Realistically, she is not one of the best," he offers. "I just want to see her run well, that's all. In this game it is not always just about winning or losing."



Testing time: Dettori waiting to put Dayflower through her paces before Guineas day

Maguire publicity regretted by Club

THE Jockey Club yesterday denied conducting a vendetta against Adrian Maguire in an attempt to defuse the whip controversy it says it unintentionally provoked.

Anthony Mildmay-White, the chairman of the disciplinary committee, expressed regret for the publicity that had singled out the Irishman as one of the chief targets of the new whip rules.

Mildmay-White explained: "As I said at the seminar, there is no vendetta against Adrian Maguire and I meant it. We therefore very much regret that Maguire has received this publicity: it was certainly not my intention that he should."

Maguire remained silent at Cheltenham, where he rode a double on Space Fair and Flashthecash. But his agent, Dave Roberts, said: "Adrian has spoken to a solicitor but we want to see this Jockey Club statement in print before making further comment."

Maguire, one of the most sought-after jump jockeys, featured in a series of videos used by the committee to illustrate the new stricter measures being introduced to curb whip abuse.

Mildmay-White told reporters who attended Tuesday's press seminar that the jockey would have to change his whip style if he is to avoid future suspensions.

In an attempt to clarify his position, Mildmay-White added: "As part of the presentation we showed 29 videos to illustrate specific areas of the new whip instruction, not to pick on individual jockeys. Adrian Maguire was involved in four videos out of the 29."

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.15 Shalabia. 2.45 Leif The Lucky. 3.15 Shynon. 3.45 Lijaam. 4.15 Stack Rock. 4.50 Strip Cartoon.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Jungle Knife.

GOING: HEAVY — SIS

2.15 KESTREL CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,243: 6f 206yd) (12 runners)

1 1300 DREAM CARRIER 7 (D,F,S) T Barron 5-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 4
2 1/ MR SNAIL 76J (CD,F) S Kettlewell 5-9-3 ... G Duffield 10
3 3320 RESPECTABLE JONES 10 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-2 S Perks 7
4 424- SHARP N' SMOOTH 183 (F,G) W Kemp 6-9-2 ... J Lowe 2
5 3-11 STOPROVERITATE 15 (CD,G,S) S Norton 4-9-1 N Connorton 11
6 3 UCKERBY MOOR 23 (V) W Barker 4-9-1 ... O Pears (5) 12
7 1344 CLAUDIA MISS 8 (D,BF,S) W Haigh 6-8-11 .. Dean McKeown 3
8 45-0 LOMBARD SHIPS 7 (C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-7 ... A Mackay 8
9 0-C0 CRIMSON CONSORT 60 (V) E Incisa 4-8-5 ... Kim Tinkler 5
10 005- EDDIE WALSHE 18J D Moffatt 8-8-5 ... K Fallon 6
11 52- SHALABIA 288 C Parker 4-8-4 ... J Carroll 9
12 3000 RAPA 17 (B,G) R O Leary 5-8-1 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 1

11-4 Shalabia, 9-2 Stopproveritate, 6-1 Sharp N' Smooth, 7-1 Dream Carrier, Respectable Jones, 10-1 Rapa, Uckerby Moor, 12-1 Claudia Miss, 20-1 others.

2.45 GOLDEN EAGLE HANDICAP (£5,216: 7f 214yd) (9)

1 010- HAMADRYAD 205 (F,G) S Norton 5-9-10 ... O Pears (5) 6
2 22/ WILSONIC 552 M Johnston 4-9-6 ... Dean McKeown 9
3 0-01 LEIF THE LUCKY 17 (D,G,S) Miss S Hall 4-9-2 N Connorton 8
4 10-2 SALDA 25 (D,S) R Whitaker 4-9-0 ... A Culhane 4
5 ,01- JUNGLE KNIFE 30J (D,G,S) M Tompkins 7-8-12 S Mulvey (7) 7
6 20-0 LAHOOB 13 (D,S) P Horbury 4-8-11 ... B Raymond 5
7 06-0 SPANISH VERDICT 29 (CD,F,S) Denys Smith 6-8-9 G Duffield 1
8 06-0 SELF EXPRESSION 25 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-6 K Fallon 3
9 05-0 STRAW THATCH 15 (B,C,S) R Allan 4-8-5 ... J Lowe 2

5-2 Leif The Lucky, 4-1 Salda, 11-2 Self Expression, 7-1 Lahoob, 10-1 Spanish Verdict, Straw Thatch, 12-1 Hamadryad, Jungle Knife, 20-1 Wilsonic.

3.15 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,882: 1m 4f) (8)

1 04-2 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 25 J Carr 9-7 ... S Morris 4
2 0-64 DOC SPOT 11 J H Wilson 8-13 ... J Fortune 5
3 00-0 SAVINGS BANK 16 T Barron 8-13 ... Alex Greaves 7
4 03-2 SHYNON 11 M Tompkins 8-7 ... S Mulvey (7) 3
5 -254 MRS DAWSON 20 (V) J Scargill 8-4 ... G Hind 1
6 5-53 NANCY 16 C W Elsey 8-3 ... Dale Gibson 6
7 03-5 CHALLENGER ROW 16 C Thornton 8-2 ... N Connorton 8
8 6-02 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 8 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 ... K Fallon 2

6-4 Shynon, 9-2 Safety In Numbers, 11-2 Vaigly Sunthyme, 8-1 Nancy, 10-1 Mrs Dawson, 12-1 Challenger Row, Doc Spot, 20-1 Savings Bank.

3.45 SPARROW HAWK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,406: 1m 4f) (8)

1 -023 ARC BRIGHT 11 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 4
2 3- EVERGREEN TANGO 277 M Johnston 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 1
3 6-3 LIJAAM 17 A Scott 9-0 ... B Raymond 5
4 5 MCKNABE 25 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... Raymond Berry 7
5 RADS ASSAYF R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 2
6 00-6 VOLUNTEER POINT 16 Mrs S Bramall 9-0 ... J Fortune 8
7 4 GOLDMIRE 15 R Fisher 8-9 ... K Fallon 6
8 4 KARIB 24 C W Elsey 8-9 ... J Carroll 3

4-9 Lijaam, 5-1 Mcknabe, 10-1 Volunteer Point, 12-1 Arc Bright, 20-1 others.

4.15 BUZZARD CONDITIONS STAKES (Fillies & mares: £3,055: 5f 207yd) (4)

1 15-0 BRANSTON ABBY 27 (D,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-10 G Duffield 1
2 G00- STACK ROCK 195 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 6-9-5 ... K Fallon 3
3 020- NIFTY FIFTY 199 (F,S) J Berry 4-8-11 ... J Carroll 4
4 31-6 OUR RITA 16 (D,F,G,S) J Scargill 4-8-10 ... G Hind 2

7-4 Branston Abby, 9-4 Our Rita, 3-1 Stack Rock, 4-1 Nifty Fifty.

4.50 PEREGRINE FALCON HANDICAP (£3,287: 5f 207yd) (9)

1 0-10 ROYAL GIRL 7 (D,BF,F,G) Miss S Hall 8-9-10 Dean McKeown 1
2 .2-3 TAWAFIJ 16 R Allan 4-9-10 ... S Webster 2
3 41-0 BREEZE AWAY 7 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-9-10 ... A Culhane 7
4 260- ROUTING 219 (F) M Hammond 5-9-5 ... G Duffield 4
5 0R0- KATIE-A 186 (S) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-1 ... J Lowe 5
6 5322 STRIP CARTOON 7 (B,D,S) S Bowring 5-9-0 ... G Strange (7) 6
7 0-00 TWILIGHT FALLS 7 (D,F,S) M Camacho 8-5-10 N Connorton 6
8 650- BOLD PHILIP 238 Mrs A Swinbank 3-5-4 ... L Charnock 3
9 00-0 CRAIL HARBOUR 7 (V,C,D,G) P Haslam 7-8-0 ... Dale Gibson 9

7-4 Strip Cartoon, 4-1 Crail Harbour, 6-1 Royal Girl, 7-1 Breeze Away, 9-1 Routing, 12-1 Twilight Falls, 14-1 Bold Philip, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 10 winners from 36 runners, 27.8%; M Johnston, 8 from 35, 22.9%; J Berry, 22 from 101, 21.8%; R Whitaker, 6 from 32, 18.8%; Denys Smith, 8 from 45, 17.8%; E Alston, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 17 winners from 91 rides, 18.7%; Dean McKeown, 21 from 113, 18.6%; S Perks, 6 from 35, 17.1%; Alex Greaves, 3 from 18, 16.7%; A Culhane, 8 from 50, 16.0%; B Raymond, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

☐ George Duffield landed a double for trainer Bill Watts at Beverley yesterday to take his tally for the week to eight. After winning the opening race on Cynic, Duffield took the finale with Chatoyant. A half-brother to Teleprompter, the three-year-old has been given time to mature and Watts promised: "He will be a nice horse, remember Teleprompter didn't reach his peak until he was five."

PERTH

THUNDERER
2.20 Unholy Alliance. 2.50 Mutual Trust. 3.20 General Pershing. 3.50 Julietski. 4.20 Dark Dawn. 4.55 Sheep Stealer.
Brian Beel: 4.20 Dark Dawn.

GOING: SOFT — SIS

2.20 TAYSIDE HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,255: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 2116 I'M TOBY 51 (BF,D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-9 ... M Dwyer
2 13R4 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 21 (D,F,G) K Bailey 6-11-9 ... G Bradley
3 051 MR FIVE WOOD 41 (G) J Maxwell 5-11-6 .. Mr B R Hamilton (5)
4 0-F1 MR GLEN 18 (F) N Mason 8-11-6 ... J Supple (7)
5 2/216 ASK FOR MORE 74 (BF,S) J Edwards 8-11-0 ... P Niven
6 02P2 LION OF VIENNA 13 T Carr 6-11-0 ... B Storey
7 50-P LORD TIM 65 J Hellens 5-11-0 ... A Orkney
8 5 ROAD BY THE RIVER 11 P Cheesbrough 5-11-0 ... C Grant

2-1 Unholy Alliance, 5-2 I'm Toby, 4-1 Ask For More, 13-2 Mr Five Wood, 8-1 Mr Glen, 10-1 Road By The River, 14-1 Lion Of Vienna, 33-1 Lord Tim.

2.50 LANGLEY-TAYLOR NOVICES CHASE (£2,997: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 U141 MUTUAL TRUST 6 (D,G,S) G Richards 9-11-12 ... N Doughty
2 45-2 ALL FOR LUCK 20 (G,S) J Maxwell 8-11-3 Mr B R Hamilton (5)
3 F00P BAWNRUADH 11 (G) T Dyer 8-11-3 ... A Linton (7)
4 6562 EQUATOR 30 (S) J Haldane 10-11-3 ... A Merrigan

4-7 Mutual Trust, 7-4 All For Luck, 10-1 Equator, 25-1 Bawnruadh.

3.20 CLERICAL MEDICAL CHASE (£5,524: 3m) (8)

1 1211 GENERAL PERSHING 11 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-11 ... N Doughty
2 U423 BLUFF KNOLL 62 (D,F,G,S) R Brewis 10-11-8 ... G Harker
3 -8444 KIRSTY'S BOY 30 (BF,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-11-8 ... G McCourt
4 5P4F FARNWORTH 2 (G,S) G Moore 10-11-5 ... A Orkney
5 15P4 SILVER HELLO 43 (C,F,G) Miss L Perratt 7-11-5 ... C Grant
6 3412 CHARMING GALE 2 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-3 ... P Williams
7 1226 RUN PET RUN 1 (BF,G,S) P Monteith 8-11-3 ... Mr T Jenks
8 31U3 ON THE HOOCH 1 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-0 ... Mr J Bradburne

4-7 General Pershing, 5-1 Bluff Knoll, 7-1 Kirsty's Boy, 10-1 On The Hooch, 12-1 Run Pet Run, 20-1 Silver Hello, 25-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlisle: 2.15 Rapa. 2.45 Straw Thatch. Sandown: 4.10 Star Player.

3.50 CAMPBELL, BOATH CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 0264 THARSIS 25 (D,G) W Smith 8-12-0 ... Mr A Thornton (3)
2 F40U BAVARD BAY 1 (S) G Richards 9-11-7 ... G McCourt
3 4426 GYMCRAK GAMBLE 13 (C,F) T Dyer 5-11-6 ... P Harley
4 5601 JULIETSKI 32 (V,CD,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-2 ... S Lyons (5)
5 6P63 RING CORBITTS 11 D Eddy 5-10-7 ... D Byrne
6 011 VALSEUR 17 (F,G) L Lungo 4-10-5 ... F Perratt (7)
7 0545 TREBONKERS 13 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-2 ... P Williams (5)
8 0560 SPEEDY SIOUX 25 (B,G) S Chadwick 4-10-0 ... L O'Hara
9 3565 MAUREEN'S FANCY 11 J Parkes 8-10-0 ... N Smith
10 566P SEA PET 17 J Baker 4-10-0 ... A Jones

7-4 Valseur, 6-2 Julietski, 6-1 Bavard Bay, 8-1 Tharsis, Gymcrak Gamble, Ring Corbitts, 10-1 Trebonkers, 33-1 others.

4.20 LINLITHGOW & STIRLINGSHIRE HUNT HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 -210 DARK DAWN 21 (D,G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-12-8 ... J Greenall
2 5113 DAVY BLAKE 18 (BF,F,S) T Dalgetty 6-12-8 ... J M Dun (5)
3 2156 DUBALEA 18 (C,F,S) J Haldane 10-12-8 ... A Parker (7)
4 -230 LACIDAR 21 (D,F,G,S) P Seagrave 13-12-5 ... A Thornton (3)
5 6510 RENAGOWN 21 (D,F,G,S) S Chadwick 10-12-5 ... S Brisby (7)
6 P0/23 CENTRE ATTRACTION 16 (D,F,G,S) N Mason 14-12-0 ... Miss Y Beckingham (7)
7 P40R- FISH QUAY 333 (F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 10-12-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7)
8 43/6- MAJESTIC RING 616 J Bowie 11-12-0 ... Miss A Bowie (7)
9 /3U- RUN LEAH RUN 344 (C,F,G,S) Miss Lucinda V Russell 14-12-0 ... R Shiels (5)
10 0FP0 ZAM'S SLAVE 34 (F) Miss P Robson 8-11-9 Miss P Robson (7)

11-10 Dark Dawn, 9-2 Renagown, 5-1 Davy Blake, 8-1 Run Leah Run, 14-1 Lacidar, Centre Attraction, 20-1 Dubalea, 33-1 others.

4.55 SCOTT OSWALD AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,918: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 0513 CAPTAIN TANCRED 1 (D,S) J Barlett 5-12-2 (5ex) ... A Jones
2 0180 SHEEP STEALER 17 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-9 ... M Dwyer
3 4200 HIGHLANDMAN 32 J Haldane 7-11-5 ... A Merrigan
4 380 BASSETJA 16 J Maxwell 4-11-5 ... Mr B R Hamilton (5)
5 2464 BACK BEFORE DAWN 44 P Monteith 6-11-2 ... L O'Hara
6 4140 HILLTOWN BLUES 52 (D,G) T Dyer 4-10-9 ... P Harley

2-1 Sheep Stealer, 9-4 Captain Tancred, 5-1 Highlandman, 6-1 Bassetja, 15-2 Back Before Dawn, Hilltown Blues.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss L A Perratt, 9 winners from 29 runners, 31.0%; M Hammond, 12 from 40, 30.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 5 from 17, 29.4%; L Lungo, 3 from 13, 23.1%; K Bailey, 3 from 13, 23.0%; G Moore, 13 from 63, 20.6%; P Monteith, 13 from 67, 19.4%; G Richards, 29 from 185, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 17 winners from 55 rides, 30.9%; Mr A Thornton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; P Niven, 20 from 76, 26.3%; M Dwyer, 23 from 92, 25.0%; S Lyons, 5 from 22, 22.7%; L O'Hara, 11 from 57, 19.2%; G Bradley, 3 from 17, 17.6%; C Grant, 19 from 102, 18.6%.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Kerrie-Jo. 2.35 Fret. 3.05 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (nap). 3.40 Zaahi. 4.10 Bardolph. 4.45 Dancing Prize. 5.20 Camden's Ransom.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 ZAAHI (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 ZAAHI.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 5F 6YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 KELVIN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,532: 5f 6yd) (12 runners)

101 (5) ABBOTS DAUGHTER (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland –
102 (10) CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-11 ... T Quinn –
103 (2) FOOTSTEPS (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... A Munro –
104 (8) 5 HOLLINGTON SONG 11 (Mrs J Kendall-Davis) B Meehan 8-11 ... W Newnes –
105 (6) 5 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 3 (G Shenkin) M Usher 8-11 ... N Adams –
106 (1) JADE PET (G Greenwood) R Hannon 8-11 ... J Reid –
107 (11) 23 KERRIE-JO 11 (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-11 ... J Williams –
108 (4) MRS JOGGLEBURY (C Smith) C Smith 8-11 ... S D Williams (3) –
109 (7) 3 NAKITA 9 (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 8-11 ... M Roberts –
110 (9) PETITE POET (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-11 ... W Woods –
111 (12) 2 PETRATHENE 15 (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 8-11 ... S Whitworth –
112 (3) ROHITA (B Taylor) M Channon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 7-2 Footsteps, 4-1 Abbots Daughter, 5-1 Nakita, 6-1 Circle Of Friends, 8-1 Jade Pet, Kerrie-Jo, 10-1 Petrathene, Rohita, 14-1 Petite Poet, 20-1 Hollington Song, 25-1 Imperial Bailiwick, 33-1 Mrs Jogglebury

1992: RISK ME'S GIRL 8-11 W R Swinburn (12-1) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABBOTS DAUGHTER (foaled Jan 27, cost 3,600gns) sister by Absalom to 6f handicapper Norton Melody. CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (May 10, 3,900gns) half-sister by Taufan to 6f-1m winner Silks Princess.
FOOTSTEPS (Feb 15) half-sister by Broken Hearted to Paradise Way, 6f winner at 2 years. HOLLINGTON SONG 10l 5th of 8 to Carne Kool in Warwick (5f, soft) maiden. JADE PET (Feb 23) by Petong, dam showed some form at up to 1m. KERRIE-JO 2l 3rd of 7 to Risky in Kempton (5f, soft) maiden. NAKITA 6½l 3rd of 11 to Pommes Frites in Newmarket (5f, good) maiden. PETRATHENE neck 2nd of 7 to Sweet Whisper in Brighton (5f 59yd, good) maiden.
Selection: KERRIE-JO

2.35 FORTE CONDITIONS STAKES — C4
(3-Y-O: £4,658: 1m 14yd) (9 runners)

201 (9) 212- BIN AJWAAD 183 (D,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 8-12 ... M Roberts [illegible]
202 (4) 1 CYPRIAN DANCER 18 (C Shiacolas) P Cole 8-12 ... T Quinn 70
203 (5) 1 HILARY GERRARD 13 (S) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 8-12 ... W Ryan 85
204 (8) 1- SERIOUS 175 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 80
205 (2) 0103- TYKEYVOR 182 (F) (H Key) M Tompkins 8-12 ... P Robinson 82
206 (6) 12333- FITZCARRALDO 203 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10 ... R Cochrane 96
207 (3) 216- FRET 209 (B) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 ... A Munro 94
208 (7) 20053-3 PORT LUCAYA 21 (B,F,G) (E St George) R Hannon 8-10 ... L Dettori 95
209 (1) 02-4 RESIST THE FORCE 10 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-10 ... D Biggs 76

BETTING: 5-2 Bin Ajwaad, 11-4 Serious, 5-1 Fitzcarraldo, 6-1 Port Lucaya, 8-1 Fret, 10-1 Hilary Gerrard, 16-1 Cyprian Dancer, 25-1 Tykeyvor, 33-1 Resist The Force

1992: HAMAS 8-11 W Carson (5-2) P Walwyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIN AJWAAD 2l 2nd of 11 to Beggarman Thief in group III Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, soft) with PORT LUCAYA (2lb better off) 3l 3rd. CYPRIAN DANCER beat Saxon Magic 4l in 5-runner Southwell (AW, 7f) maiden. HILARY GERRARD beat Flashfeet 1½l in 9-runner Kempton (7f, soft) maiden.
SERIOUS beat RESIST THE FORCE (2lb better off) 1¼l in 20-runner Newmarket (6f, good) maiden. FITZCARRALDO ½l 3rd of 8 to Nominator in Newmarket (7f, good) listed race, with PORT LUCAYA (same terms) 3l 5th and TYKEYVOR (2lb worse off) 5¼l 8th. FRET over 4l 6th of 10 to Desert Secret in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, soft).
Selection: BIN AJWAAD

3.05 RING & BRYMER HANDICAP — C4
(£5,186: 5f 6yd) (17 runners)

301 (6) 100000- AUGHFAD 183 (D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-10-0 ... W Newnes 86
302 (9) 212615- PADDY CHALK 226 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 7-9-9 ... J Reid 85
303 (12) 45000-1 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) (T Paleting) R Simpson 5-9-7 (6ex) G Carter [illegible]
304 (5) 13060-2 SO RHYTHMICAL 11 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 9-9-6 ... A Munro 96
305 (7) 44450-4 BODARI 11 (CD,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-5 ... D Harrison (3) 88
306 (13) 003033- PALEY PRINCE 141 (CD,F,G) (M Usher) M Usher 7-9-3 ... – 85
307 (11) 330000- LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 247 (D,F,S) (S Roots) G Lewis 7-9-3 ... Paul Eddery 91
308 (2) 310000- PETRACO 202 (D,G,S) (B Hampson) L Codd 5-9-2 ... W Ryan 88
309 (4) 02030-2 MISS VAXETTE 20 (D,F,S) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-9-1 ... L Dettori 88
310 (16) 146420- FASCINATION WALTZ 181 (F,S) (F Haverfield) D Shaw 6-9-0 ... S D Williams (3) 90
311 (15) 320/00 RICKY'S TORNADO 11 (B Collier) D Elsworth 4-8-13 ... J Williams –
312 (14) 3422/00 HALBERT 20 (B) (G Greenwood) R Hannon 4-8-12 ... Pat Eddery –
313 (8) 453215 LOVE LEGEND 28 (V,D,BF,F,G) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 8-8-12 ... T Quinn 94
314 (17) 40-0425 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 22 (CD,BF,G,S) M Channon 5-8-11 ... B Doyle (5) 90
315 (10) 23200-0 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 11 (F Young) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-8 ... M Roberts 82
316 (1) 2-16441 MISTER JOLSON 17 (D,F,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 4-8-5 ... W Carson 87
317 (3) 10-1 HONEY SEEKER 11 (D,G) (P Savill) T Thomson Jones 4-8-5 (6ex) ... K Darley 97

BETTING: 5-1 Olifantsfontein, 6-1 Honey Seeker, 10-1 Misdemeanours Girl, So Rhythmical, 12-1 Bodari, Halbert, Lord High Admiral, Mister Jolson, 14-1 Love Legend, Miss Vaxette, Fascination Waltz, 16-1 others.

1992: OLIFANTSFONTEIN 4-8-3 W Ryan (6-1 fav) R Simpson 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

OLIFANTSFONTEIN beat Inherent Magic 2l in 6-runner Newbury (5f, good) handicap. SO RHYTHMICAL ½l 2nd of 10 to Eira in Kempton (6f, soft) handicap, with BODARI (same terms) 3l 4th and RICKY'S TORNADO 17l 9th. MISS VAXETTE 1l 2nd of 8 to The Noble Oak in Lingfield (5f, good) handicap, with HALBERT (5lb better off) over 12l 8th. LOVE LEGEND beat Ewald 1¾l in 7-runner Southwell (AW, 5f) handicap on penultimate start. MISDEMEANOURS GIRL over 11l last of 5 to Samsolom in Brighton (5f 213yd, good to firm) handicap. Earlier, 1l 2nd of 11 to Gorinsky in Doncaster (6f, good to firm) handicap, with LOVE LEGEND (3lb better off) under 2l 5th and HALBERT over 8l 10th. MISTER JOLSON beat Rushanes 3½l in 9-runner Folkestone (5f, soft) stakes race. HONEY SEEKER beat Strip Cartoon 4l in 19-runner Nottingham (6f, good) handicap, with LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (6lb better off) 10l 8th.
Selection: HONEY SEEKER (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	16	63	25.4	W Ryan	8	37	21.6
G Harwood	18	77	23.4	D Biggs	5	26	19.2
H Thomson Jones	4	19	21.1	Pat Eddery	42	232	18.1
R Simpson	6	29	20.7	D Harrison	7	41	17.1
L Cumani	10	50	20.0	R Cochrane	22	135	16.3
Lord Huntingdon	8	41	19.5	T Quinn	20	124	16.1

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 GARDNER MERCHANT MILE — C4
(Group II: £35,325: 1m 14yd) (7 runners)

401 (3) 404312- ALHIJAZ 159 (D,F,S) (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 4-9-6 ... W Carson 93
402 (7) 55041-4 LUCKY LINDY 9 (B,D,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 90
403 (2) 111341- STUBASS 156 (D,G,S) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 86
404 (4) 4/04230- ENHARMONIC 228 (D,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-0 ... L Dettori 85
405 (5) 111321- HAZAAM 203 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-0 ... M Roberts 93
406 (1) 2/20100- MOJAVE 174 (G,S) (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 85
407 (6) 412235- ZAAHI 188 (C,D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-0 ... R Hills [illegible]

☐ Alhijaz runs only if there is overnight rain

BETTING: 7-4 Zaahi, 3-1 Lucky Lindy, 5-1 Alhijaz, Hazaam, 8-1 Stubass, 12-1 Mojave, 20-1 Enharmonic.

1992: RUDIMENTARY 4-9-0 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALHIJAZ 4l 3rd of 11 to Arazi in group II Ciga Prix du Rond-Point at Longchamp, with LUCKY LINDY (5lb worse off) 1¼l 4th and MOJAVE over 10l 11th. STUBASS 3l 3rd of 8 to Steinbeck in group III Prix Daphnis at Evry (1m 1f, good). ENHARMONIC 2½l 7th of 12 to Zeenler in Arlington Park (1m 110yd, firm) handicap. HAZAAM beat Prince Ferdinand a head in group III Supreme Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good). ZAAHI under 5l 5th of 10 to Rodrigo De Triano in group I Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm)
Selection: ZAAHI

4.10 AUTOBAR GROUP RATED STAKES — C4
(Handicap: £6,040: 2m 78yd) (8 runners)

501 (1) 0502-22 STAR PLAYER 8 (B,D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-7 ... J Weaver (3) 98
502 (4) 45011-2 ROBINGO 11 (B,F,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 4-9-0 ... A Munro [illegible]
503 (7) 01360-5 BRANDON PRINCE 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 5-8-11 R Cochrane 87
504 (8) 14361-0 BARDOLPH 11 (C,D,F,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 6-8-10 ... T Quinn 93
505 (3) 24040-4 TRUBEN 23 (BF,F,G) (E St George) D Loder 4-8-7 ... L Dettori 98
506 (6) 11650-6 MULL HOUSE 8 (D,F,G) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 6-8-7 ... W Carson 90
507 (2) 0/11600- STAR QUEST 48J (D,G,S) (D Morris) J Jenkins 6-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 89
508 (5) 22060-0 REQUESTED 11 (D,F,G) (G Beecle) R Akehurst 6-8-7 ... J Reid 89

Long handicap: Mull House 8-6, Star Quest 8-6, Requested 8-4

BETTING: 7-4 Robingo, 4-1 Star Player, 6-1 Brandon Prince, Truben, 8-1 Bardolph, 10-1 Star Quest, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

STAR PLAYER ¾l 2nd of 7 to Dime Bag in Newmarket (1m 6f, good) handicap with MULL HOUSE (same terms) 10¾l 6th. Previously head 2nd of 8 to White Willow in Catterick (1m 6f, good) handicap with TRUBEN (6lb better off) 5¾l 4th. ROBINGO ¾l 2nd of 11 to Rodeo Star in Kempton (2m, soft) handicap with BRANDON PRINCE (6lb better off) 28½l 5th, BARDOLPH 10th and REQUESTED 11th. BARDOLPH beat Quadrant 1l in 9-runner Lingfield (AW, 2m) handicap on final start last year.
Selection: ROBINGO

4.45 LOCKHART CATERING EQUIPMENT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,688: 1m 2f 7yd) (15 runners)

601 (8) 5- BELLA BALLERINA 202 (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 89
602 (15) 6- DANCING PRIZE 204 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 83
603 (1) 0- DUTCH DEBUTANTE 294 (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 8-11 ... G Carter –
604 (14) 4- HAUNTED WOOD 176 (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 ... M Roberts 84
605 (12) 03-2 HOOSIE 21 (Shaikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11 ... L Dettori 78
606 (9) 0- RANEEN ALWATAR 174 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11 R Cochrane –
607 (13) 222- REINE DE NEIGE 242 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
608 (2) 6- SEA SIREN 218 (P Goulandris) H Candy 8-11 ... W Newnes –
609 (3) 4- TALENTED 176 (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 70
610 (4) DREAM BABY (Mascalls Stud) M Bell 8-7 ... M Hills –
611 (11) EYE WITNESS (F Salman) P Cole 8-7 ... A Munro –
612 (10) IMPECCABLE TASTE (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-7 ... D Biggs –
613 (5) MISS SHAGRA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-7 ... K Darley –
614 (6) SING A RAINBOW (K Clark) M Channon 8-7 ... J Williams –
615 (7) USK THE WAY (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan –

BETTING: 11-4 Dancing Prize, 7-2 Usk The Way, 6-1 Bella Ballerina, Haunted Wood, 8-1 Reine De Neige, Talented. 14-1 Hoosie, Raneen Alwatar, 16-1 Eye Witness, Miss Shagra, Sea Siren, 20-1 others.

1992: USER FRIENDLY 8-7 G Duffield (25-1) C Brittain 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLA BALLERINA 10¾l 5th of 6 to Yawl in Newmarket (7f, good to soft) stakes race. DANCING PRIZE 5¾l 6th of 12 to Barathea in Newmarket (7f, good) maiden. HAUNTED WOOD 4¾l 4th of 14 to Azzilfi in Nottingham (1m, good to soft) maiden. RANEEN ALWATAR 7¾l 14th of 24 to Fayfa in Newmarket (7f, good) maiden. REINE DE NEIGE 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Helvellyn in Nottingham (1m, good) maiden. Better effort previously when ½l 2nd of 8 to Mystic Goddess in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). TALENTED 8¾l 4th of 13 to Reverie in Nottingham (1m, good to soft) maiden. USK THE WAY by Caerleon out of Princess Royal Stakes (1m 4f) winner One Way Street; half-sister to 1m 1f winner Road To The Isle.
Selection: REINE DE NEIGE

5.20 TOWN & COUNTY CATERING HANDICAP
(£5,186: 1m 2f 7yd) (16 runners)

1 (1) 420U4-0 MOUGINS 21 (G) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... A Procter (5) 85
2 (4) 45401-2 HOST 11 (CD,BF,F,S) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-11 M Roberts 96
3 (14) 23/2202- FIELDRIDGE 83J (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 4-9-11 ... M Hills 88
4 (11) 11114-1 LOKI 10 (D,F,G,S) (M Wall) G Lewis 5-9-11 (5ex) ... D Harrison (3) 89
5 (5) 004135- ROSE ALTO 167 (D,F) (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 5-9-10 ... W R Swinburn 94
6 (3) 220060- WAVE HILL 6J (F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-9-4 ... K Darley 98
7 (13) 05-5100 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 15 (D,G) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 4-9-0 ... A Munro 97
8 (15) 0220- BLUE FLAG 213 (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-13 ... L Dettori 87
9 (7) 11183-5 SURREY DANCER 10 (D,F,G,S) (Crook Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 5-8-13 ... W Ryan 92
10 (6) 21/6-316 BOOKCASE 13 (F,G,S) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 6-8-12 ... J Williams 90
11 (8) 3/4133- LEGAL EMBRACE 267 (D,F) (Mrs J Slaytor) Miss B Sanders 4-8-9 ... G Carter 84
12 (2) 00-3152 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 21 (D,F) (B Cullen) D Elsworth 6-8-9 ... B Doyle (5) 97
13 (10) 2322-1 MARASTANI 28 (F) (C Hedigan) G Harwood 3-8-9 ... J Reid 90
14 (12) 1-13123 MULCIBER 27 (D,BF,F) (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 5-8-9 ... W Carson 92
15 (9) 03140- KNOWTH 92J (G) (Roelles Partners) R Akehurst 4-8-8 ... R Perham –
16 (16) 44551/4 RUTLAND WATER 10 (D,BF,F) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 6-8-4 T Quinn 96

BETTING: 9-4 Loki, 6-1 Rutland Water, 7-1 Marastani, Host, 10-1 Mulciber, 12-1 Camden's Ransom, Surrey Dancer, 14-1 Blue Flag, 16-1 Bookcase, Legal Embrace, Rose Alto, 20-1 Knowth, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HOST 3¾l 2nd of 9 to Lucky Guest in Kempton (1m 2f, soft) handicap. LOKI beat Swift Silver 1¾l in 10-runner Newmarket (1m 2f, good) handicap with RUTLAND WATER (7lb better off) 2¾l 4th and SURREY DANCER (5lb better off) neck 5th. BOOKCASE beat Bigwheel Bill short-head in 6-runner Kempton (1m 4f, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start. CAMDEN'S RANSOM 1l 2nd of 11 to Albert in Kempton (1m 1f, good to soft) apprentice jockeys' handicap. MARASTANI beat Rhoma Red head in 15-runner Doncaster (1m, good to firm) maiden. MULCIBER 4¾l 3rd of 8 to Night Clubbing in Warwick (1m 2f 169yd, firm) handicap with CAMDEN'S RANSOM (same terms) 4l 5th.
Selection: HOST

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

SANDOWN PARK
C4

2.35: Michael Roberts prefers **Bin Ajwaad** to the consistent Fitzcarraldo and the combination can come through this tricky test. Bin Ajwaad holds Port Lucaya on last year's Horris Hill running and can justify his 2,000 Guineas entry even though he is unproven on the ground. Serious is highly rated but missed the Craven Stakes after he contracted an infection. Michael Stoute's colt had Resist The Force one-and-a-half lengths behind him on his only outing and can confirm the form on 2lb worse terms.

3.05: Olifantsfontein is penalised 6lb for last week's victory on soft ground, yet he races off a 6lb lower mark today as he was 12lb out of the handicap at Newbury. Allthruthenight, nearly nine lengths behind Olifantsfontein and a five-day entry, declines the rematch on only 1lb better terms. However, he is opposed in favour of the lightly-raced **Honey Seeker**, who scorched to victory from a big field at Nottingham. He looks ahead of the handicapper and can defy his low draw.

3.40: Alhijaz, Lucky Lindy and the Italian import, Stubass, are all penalised for group victories in lesser races abroad. Lucky Lindy ran with promise behind Ezzoud at Newmarket last week, but all three face a tough task today. Zaahi has the best form but it is worth taking a chance on the progressive **Hazaam**. This well-bred individual seemed exposed as below this class, but a fine turn of foot on his final outing at Goodwood last season showed him in a different light. He can continue the improvement.

4.10: **Robingo** drifted to the centre of the track when challenging at Kempton last time. He went down by only half a length to Rodeo Star and can make amends here. Brandon Prince, beaten nearly 30 lengths at Kempton, is only 6lb better off, while Bardolph and Requested were even further behind. Star Player has had enough chances and cannot be confidently backed.

Julian Muscat

TAUNTON

THUNDERER
5.45 Tudor Da Samba. 6.15 Poacher's Delight. 6.45 Miss Souter. 7.15 Alan Ball. 7.45 King's Shilling. 8.15 Fanatical.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

5.45 MOTORWAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,763: 2m 3f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 4111 TUDOR DA SAMBA 10 (V,C,F,S) M Pipe 4-12-1 (5ex) ... D Richmond (5)
2 D'ARCYS GOLD 542F R Hodges 4-11-8 ... W Irvine
3 4001 CASIENNE 34 (B,C,F,G) P Murphy 5-10-10 ... D Bohan (7)
4 1P EDGE OF THE GLEN 68 (S) R Hodges 5-10-4 . T Thompson (7)
5 2160 SINGING REPLY 23 (F) O Maris 5-10-3 ... S McNeill
6 4630 GREAT IMPOSTOR 226 R Hodges 5-10-3 ... R Dunwoody
7 P003 SOVEREIGN NICHE 11 (G) A Barrow 5-10-2 ... D Salter (7)
8 -0U3 MUDDY LANE 18 P Nicholls 5-10-1 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 0611 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 13 (V,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 A Maguire
10 0450 KALAMOSS 30 N Mitchell 4-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
11 U446 SUNLEY SPARKLE 37 D Gandolfo 5-10-0 ... A S Smith
12 00P5 WHATMORECANIASKFOR 16 (V) G Charles-Jones 5-10-0 ... D Meade (7)
13 4603 STAPLEFORD LADY 13 R Manning 5-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
14 P4FF QUALITAIR IDOL 22 Mrs A Knight 4-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
15 P004 BOLT OF GOLD 30 L Waring 5-10-0 ... Mrs J Waring
16 0540 COOCHIE 134 R Baker 4-10-0 ... L Harvey

7-2 Tudor Da Samba, 6-1 Trendy Auctioneer, 13-2 Casienne, 7-1 Muddy Lane, 8-1 Singing Reply, 10-1 D'Arcys Gold, Edge Of The Glen, Great Impostor, 12-1 others.

6.15 LAWRENCE HALE ESTATE AGENTS NOVICES CHASE (£2,253: 3m) (10)

1 PU3P POWDER BOY 20 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Dawe 8-12-0 ... D Salter (7)
2 -501 POACHER'S DELIGHT 39 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-8 ... D Richmond (5)
3 B131 FIGHT TO WIN 13 (V,F,G) I Balding 5-11-5 ... M Perrett
4 4233 BADBURY LAD 31 (B) J King 7-11-2 ... S McNeill
5 0-PRP BLACK HORSE LAD 11 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-2 . M A Fitzgerald
6 06/0P FALSIDE 11 G Humphrey 9-11-2 ... A Tory
7 06F3 KERRYS EYE 11 P Rodford 9-11-2 ... T Thompson (7)
8 PP0 NO GUTS NO GLORY 20 W G Turner 6-11-2 ... H Davies
9 P030 STRONG BREEZE 8 C Popham 9-11-2 ... A Webb
10 5B0U RIMANNA BAY 23 K Bishop 6-10-11 ... R Greene (3)

5-4 Fight To Win, 6-4 Poacher's Delight, 6-1 Badbury Lad, 10-1 Rimanna Bay, 14-1 Powder Boy, 33-1 others.

6.45 COUNTRY BRIDES MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,088: 2m 1f) (14)

1 GOTT'S DESIRE 177F C Broad 7-11-6 ... Martin Jones
2 P STAR HILL 13 J Poulton 6-11-6 ... R Rowell
3 4F5 VISION OF FREEDOM 13 W Reed 5-11-6 ... N Hawke
4 /40 APRIL'S MODEL LADY 8 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-1 ... C Maude
5 420- BRAMBLE PINK 348 B Forsey 7-11-1 ... I Shoemark
6 /2 CAROUSEL MUSIC 13 J Akehurst 6-11-1 ... L Harvey
7 JUMP N FLY Mrs L Jewell 5-11-1 ... D Salter (7)
8 0 KINDLY LADY 13 Mrs J Retter 5-11-1 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 MUST B HAVON G Yardley 7-11-1 ... D Leahy (5)
10 P ROYAL HONEY BEE 13 P Wakely 5-11-1 ... Mr L Jefford (7)
11 22 LITTLE NOD 13 J White 4-11-0 ... A Maguire
12 3 BRENDA HURT 10 J Moore 4-10-9 ... A Charlton
13 0 IN THE GAME 111 Miss A Whitfield 4-10-9 ... S McNeill
14 4523 MISS SOUTER 11 H Howe 4-10-9 ... Mr G Lewis (7)

2-1 Carousel Music, 3-1 Little Nod, 11-2 Miss Souter, 15-2 Gott's Desire, April's Model Lady, 8-1 Brenda Hurt, 12-1 In The Game, 14-1 Kindly Lady, 25-1 others.

7.15 HAUL-WASTE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,668: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 -5PR TILDEBO 200 (CD,F,G,S) R Phillips 9-12-0 ... Mr M Armytage
2 P521 TINAS LAD 28 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-1 ... A Maguire
3 532U TOUCHING STAR 13 (B,D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-13 M Hourigan (3)
4 14P1 EMRYS 31 (D,F) D Burchell 10-10-12 ... D J Burchell
5 5221 MONTALINO 44 (D,F,G) G Humphrey 10-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
6 FP00 BUMPTIOUS BOY 71 (F) A J Wilson 9-10-6 ... A Webb
7 4611 COTAPAXI 35 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-5 ... A Tory
8 2221 FRED SPLENDID 13 (D,S) R Hodges 10-10-4 ... R Dunwoody
9 PUF3 COMEDY ROAD 13 (B,F,G) R Lee 9-10-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
10 4232 ABU MUSLAB 7 (F) G Edwards 9-10-3 ... C Maude
11 -350 COURT RAPIER 177 (D,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-1 D Leahy (5)
12 2R24 ALAN BALL 84 (B,D,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0 ... H Davies
13 3540 PANTECHNICON 22 (B,CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 13-10-0 ... W Irvine
14 5800 DARING CLASS 16 (F) P Rodford 7-10-0 ... I Shoemark
15 P006 COUNTY CONTRACTOR 41 (B) C Popham 6-10-0 ... S McNeill

7-2 Cotapaxi, 9-2 Fred Splendid, 5-1 Tinas Lad, 6-1 Touching Star, 8-1 Montalino, 10-1 Emrys, 12-1 Alan Ball, 14-1 others.

7.45 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,910: 2m 1f) (14)

1 1211 KING'S SHILLING 6 (D,F,G) C Broad 6-12-1 (7ex) Jacqui Oliver
2 0011 MARIOLINO 52 (C,F,S) P Leach 6-11-10 ... S Hodgson
3 /0P11 DONOSTI 73 (C,F,G) R Lee 9-11-7 ... R Greene (3)
4 P12P WESSEX WARRIOR 13 (F) D Laing 7-11-2 ... B de Haan
5 3413 LAND OF THE FREE 11 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-2 ... M Perrett
6 32F8 WINGCOMMANDER EATS 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-13 Peter Hobbs
7 500U NO BONUS 59 (C,F) R Baker 9-10-6 ... L Harvey
8 3PPP HAMPER 13 (B,S) N Mitchell 10-10-3 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
9 2535 MISTER LAWSON 29 B Forsey 7-10-2 ... I Shoemark
10 -F0P COLONEL GAY 7 (S) B Scriven 8-10-1 ... Mr Richard White (7)
11 52F3 WILL JAMES 31 (B,F,G) C Drewe 7-10-0 ... A Maguire
12 /3603 BARLEY MOW 43 (D,F) Mrs Barbara Waring 7-10-0 ... N Hawke
13 PP/P0 BLACKGUARD 13 (F) R Manning 7-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
14 0504 TAYLORS CASTLE 65 (G) S Cole 6-10-0 ... A Webb

2-1 King's Shilling, 4-1 Land Of The Free, 9-2 Donosti, 5-1 Mariolino, 10-1 Wessex Warrior, 16-1 Will James, 25-1 others.

8.15 GRINTERS BAKERY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,931: 2m 3f 110yd) (14)

1 2125 FAITHFUL STAR 31 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-12-0 .. Mr D Pipe (7)
2 2133 SHIMMERING SCARLET 7 R Buckler 5-11-4 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
3 /P-PP MY PILOT 11 J Moore 9-10-12 ... Mr C Hamblin (7)
4 2254 AMPHIGORY 30 (B,F) P Rodford 5-10-8 ... Miss S Cobden (7)
5 02U0 STERLING BUCK 23 G Yardley 6-10-2 ... Miss A Yardley (7)
6 0P5 COUNTRY RAMBLER 16 P Hobbs 5-10-2 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
7 653F KEY DEAR 22 (B,C,F) P Nicholls 6-10-1 Miss J Brackenbury (7)
8 52P0 WEST BAY 30 T Thomson Jones 7-10-0 Mr C Bonner-Watts (5)
9 045- FANATICAL 23F R Baker 7-10-0 ... Mr N Moore (7)
10 /0085 DOUBLE U DEE 32 H Haynes 10-10-0 ... Mr Y Mehmet (7)
11 0012 LAVALIGHT 22 (C,F) R Hodges 6-10-0 ... Mr B Pollock (7)
12 -002 LEGUARD EXPRESS 11F (B) O O'Neill 5-10-0 Mr G Shenkin (7)
13 600U JET 7 (B) C Popham 7-10-0 ... Miss T Honeyball (7)
14 UU33 COMMANCHERO 7 (BF) R Hodges 6-10-0 .. Miss S Mitchell (7)

4-1 Key Dear, 5-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 11-2 Faithful Star, 7-1 Lavalight, 10-1 Country Rambler, 12-1 Leguard Express, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 58 winners from 197 runners, 29.9%; C Broad, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J King, 3 from 14, 21.4%; J Edwards, 4 from 23, 17.4%; Mrs J Retter, 9 from 53, 17.0%; R Lee, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Salter, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; M Perrett, 7 from 27, 25.9%; M Hourigan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Richmond, 4 from 19, 21.1%; R Dunwoody, 8 from 51, 15.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 10 from 66, 15.2%; Peter Hobbs, 7 from 57, 12.3%; A Webb, 3 from 25, 12.0%; A Tory, 8 from 70, 11.4%.

Gold Splash returns

GOLD Splash, winner of last year's Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, is poised to make her seasonal debut at the same course in the group three Prix de la Grotte on Sunday.

Criquette Head's filly reappears in the mile classic trial which has also attracted three from the Andre Fabre stable, Nidd, Baya and Kiruna.

Fabre has declared Shaikh Mohammed's Hunting Hawk in the Prix Greffulhe over ten furlongs. Among the seven runners are Kadounor and Fastness, both of whom finished behind Tenby in the Grand Criterium.

The well-travelled Captain Horatius is being sent by trainer John Dunlop to contest the group Three Premio Ambrosiano in Milan on Saturday. John Reid takes the ride.

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Truth will hurt as Bruno fits the bill



Telling the Truth: Williams takes a break in Nobbs's gymnasium as he prepares for his contest with Bruno in Birmingham tomorrow. Photograph: Brian Marshall

It began in the garden of Eden: Big G proudly presents Adam and Eve. No doubt about it — match-making is the oldest profession and Mickey Duff, who puts on Frank Bruno v Carl "The Truth" Williams at the NEC Birmingham tomorrow, is just the latest in the long line of successful matchmakers.

Frank Bruno is Duff's man, one of Duff's men, and, while Mike Tyson has another two years to serve in the Indiana Youth Correction Centre, Bruno is a suitable candidate for a shot at the world title. Bruno v Lennox Lewis before 80,000 people at Wembley would gross zillions, but that fight depends on the challenger's credibility. Bruno's recent opponents have been men of small consequence; credibility requires a good win over a better man and Carl "The Truth" just scrapes in under that heading.

The skill of a matchmaker lies in providing for his chosen fighter an opponent who will lose with honour — for since Christians were matched with lions, spectators have gone off one-sided contests with predictable outcomes. On paper Williams has a squeak, though if Bruno fails to win, the outcome will be too terrible to contemplate.

Williams is a 33-year-old loner from Westchester, New York, who lasted 93 seconds against Tyson. "The referee should have let the fight go on: I was in good shape, just getting warmed up." His finest hour was in 1985 when he lost to Larry Holmes on a split decision. That was then.

Nevertheless, the reason Duff got him instead of me (I could not have managed, Saturday is my birthday) is that outside chance of an upset.

While the Englishman trains in some splendour at Ashby de la Zouch, the American occupies a room at the Metropole Hotel by the Exhibition Centre, works out at Norman "Nobby" Nobbs's gymnasium under the guidance of one James Sharkey, a 75-year-old ex-boxer who won the Purple Heart, Battle Star and President's Citation after the invasion of Tarawa in 1944.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

For the past 49 years, "Sharks" has been a professional trainer of boxers and vice-president of a detective agency.

He looks like Grumpy in *Snow White* with a tinge of Burgess Meredith in Rocky. He and I lunched, well, at the Metropole, were told that Williams was doing a BBC TV interview with Harry Carpenter and ambled along to watch.

"This is a make or break fight for you," Carpenter said.

"I am looking forward to getting myself into the swing: England is the most fairest country." Williams replied. "In America, Frank Bruno is not even thought of; if I am beaten by him, it'd be an embarrassment."

"Bruno went five rounds against Tyson; you lasted 93 seconds," Carpenter said.

"I was fully standing when the referee stopped the fight: I just hope that doesn't happen on Saturday."

Carpenter reminded Williams that this is the fairest country, asked how he acquired the name "The Truth".

"I've been asked that question a thousand times, given a thousand different answers."

He proceeded to give another.

When it comes to warmth, humour, interest in people, wit — Bruno outperforms him by a street, yet there is something likeable about Williams's honest, understated professionalism.

In Nobbs's car on the way to the gym, Williams puts on horn-rimmed glasses, sits in the front, Sharkey and I in the back. Nobbs says: "If you can stay with him, he'll be no trouble; get well warmed up." Sharkey nods. I keep my head down as cliches bounce around the Renault 409.

Nobby's gym is in the centre of Birmingham: two large rooms, one empty with a sizeable puddle; the other has a ring, three punch-bags, posters on the wall, a lavatory with a blocked sink and no lights, an electric kettle and some mugs, no telephone. The rent is £150 a month.

The monarch of all he surveys says "kids comes off the street and train here five hours a day: I've got some good handicappers, like Paul Wesley. My dream is to train one of these kids and make him a champion."

Williams puts on his boots and his protector, winds black tape around his knuckles: Sharkey dons a red baseball cap, slips a large boxing glove on his right hand and hits the speed bag twice, misses the third time. Nobby apologises for the lateness of the sparring partners, and Williams, who is shadow-boxing around the ring, says: "I'm in no hurry."

Nobby comes up with some truly awful one-liners: "My last fight was in front of 60,000 people: I hit a Manchester United fan with a bottle opener at Villa Park".

I ask "The Truth" whether he is married. He says: "You should ask whether I am happy. I am happy. I am not married."

"If you win on Saturday, whom will you telephone?" Nobody.

He has a two-year-old daughter called Nija, but she is too small to answer the phone. That is it: a man who would have difficulty coping with success.

Three sparring partners arrive, none within five inches or 60lb of Bruno. I watch the fragile American box a few rounds and come away with the distinct feeling that Mr Duff is going to hit another jackpot.

Kent show right attitude

By Jack Bailey

CAMBRIDGE (second day of three): Cambridge University, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 121 runs to avoid an innings defeat

THAT defeat at Fenner's last year clearly rankles with Kent. Showing little mercy either to Cambridge or to his own bowlers and shivering fielders, Marsh enforced the follow-on after the university had fallen nine runs short of safety with an hour and a half of the day remaining, the conditions sharply cold and unwelcoming. The scalp of Jones, a rare hero of the first Cambridge innings, was their reward.

Invariably, in these circumstances, the visiting county opts for extra early-season batting practice for the out of form, never mind the result. Kent's attitude was as refreshing as it was belligerent.

Indeed, apart from a brief interlude when Jones resisted stoutly and Haste and Whittall added 45 spanking runs for the last university wicket in their first innings, Kent remained firmly on top. The single required for Llong's maiden century arrived off his fourth ball of the day. He and Headley pushed Kent briskly along to 300 and, after the declaration, Penn, with four cheap wickets, and their three other seamers made the most of some irresolute Cambridge batting.

The left-handed Jones should have opened the batting, but the examiners for his Masters degree in manufacturing engineering had prior claims on his time. By the time he did arrive at the wicket his team were 20 for four. He resisted where others had merely waved the bat and he made 38 while the Cambridge total advanced by 68.

With respectability still a long way off, the last Cambridge pair produced the best batting of the innings.

SCOREBOARD

KENT: First Innings
T R Ward c Arscott b Charlesworth 17
J I Longley b Pitcher 2
N R Taylor lbw b Pearson 34
G R Cowdrey c Haste b Charlesworth 13
N J Llong not out 116
M V Fleming c Whittall b Pearson 17
*†S A Marsh c Arscott b Whittall 57
D W Headley not out 26
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 1, nb 8) 18
Total (6 wkts dec) 300
R P Davis, A P Igglesden and C Penn did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-22, 3-63, 4-83, 5-107, 6-232.
BOWLING: Charlesworth 22-7-52-2, Pitcher 12-5-30-1, Whittall 35-10-84-1; Haste 20-4-55-0; Pearson 28-7-70-2.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings
R Cake b Igglesden 2
M E D Jarrett c Longley b Penn 1
G M Charlesworth c Marsh b Penn 5
J P Carroll c Marsh b Fleming 6
J Leppard c Longley b Penn 16
G W Jones c Marsh b Headley 38
*J P Arscott b Penn 8
N J Haste not out 26
*R M Pearson c and b Davis 5
C M Pitcher run out 0
A R Whittall run out 27
Extras (b 5, lb 3) 8
Total 142
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-4, 3-8, 4-20, 5-38, 6-50, 7-88, 8-97, 9-97.
BOWLING: Igglesden 10-1-27-1, Penn 12-7-12-4; Fleming 11-6-12-1; Headley 14-5-28-1; Davis 11-4-28-1. Llong 6-1-27-0.
Second Innings
G W Jones c Marsh b Igglesden 2
R Cake not out 11
M E D Jarrett not out 22
Extras (b 2) 2
Total (1 wkt) 37
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4
Umpires: J H Hampshire and D O Oslear.

Raffle on a winning ticket

By Michael Henderson

THE PARKS (second day of three): Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 479 runs ahead of Oxford University

FRED Raffle, a Birmingham-based Glamorgan member, began his cricket season yesterday as the county's bowlers dominated the second day of this game as surely as their batsmen had the first. By the time he left, shortly after tea, Glamorgan were batting again, having dismissed the students for 99.

Raffle is not alone in his enthusiasm for the new season but he is one of the few blind people who regularly attend matches. This year he hopes to add Lord's to his list of grounds visited — if MCC allows in his guide-dog, Iva (as in Richards).

"Whenever I read that Middlesex played before three men and a dog," he joked, "I know that can't be true because they don't let dogs in."

As a young teacher in Surrey, Raffle helped to form a championship for blind cricketers. Now he gets to matches wherever and whenever he can.

Trips to Derby, which fill some cricketers with dread, are to him an Aladdin's lamp of opportunity, for each experience comes freshly minted.

At this time of year, everybody is entitled to feel that opportunities will be ample. Roland Lefebvre, who was released by Somerset last September, shared the new ball here with Steve Watkin and bowled 17 capable overs. The Oxford batting was less than capable, the last six wickets going down for 22 runs.

Geoff Lovell, the acting captain, made an unbeaten century against Glamorgan last year and followed it with 49 before he became the first of Steve Barwick's three victims.

Lovell put on 51, riches indeed, for the fifth wicket with Ralph Oliphant-Callum, a fairly exotic name even by Twickenham standards.

It was not until the 34th over of the innings that Oxford's run-rate rose above one. In the 32 overs left to them after tea, on another day mercifully unspoilt by rain, Glamorgan extended their lead of 364 by a further 115. It should be enough.

SCOREBOARD

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 463 for 2 dec (M P Maynard 110 not out, I V A Richards 109 not out, H Morris 109 ret hurt, A Dale 67.
BOWLING: Jeh 31-5-156-0; MacDonald 22-6-66-0; MacLay 9-0-40-0; Yeabsley 18-3-101-1; MacMillan 9-4-20-0; Maiili 15-1-71-1).
Second Innings
S P James c Lyons b Jeh 15
P A Cottey c Lyons b MacLay 60
R D B Croft lbw b Jeh 27
R P Lefebvre not out 9
C P Metson not out 1
Extras (lb 2, w 1) 3
Total (3 wkts) 115
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-67, 3-108.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
†C Lyons run out 0
C M Gupte c Maynard b Lefebvre 4
H S Malik b Dale 9
*G B T Lovell c Metson b Barwick 49
C L Keay c Cottey b Watkin 3
R D Oliphant-Callum run out 13
G I MacMillan c Richards b Croft 8
M P W Jeh c James b Barwick 0
R S Yeabsley c Maynard b Barwick 10
R H MacDonald lbw b Croft 0
A MacLay not out 0
Extras (b 3) 3
Total 99
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-11, 3-19, 4-26, 5-77, 6-88, 7-88, 8-88, 9-89.
BOWLING: Watkin 13-6-11-1, Lefebvre 17-8-22-1; Barwick 19.4-9-26-3; Croft 22-13-23-2; Dale 6-2-14-1.
Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Dejected Pakistan must find inspiration in adversity



Ambrose: great impact

From John Woodcock
in Bridgetown, Barbados

IT WOULD be nice to be proved wrong, but I find it difficult not to see Pakistan coming to grief in the second Test match starting here today. West Indies are cock-a-hoop after their victory in Trinidad; for 63 years they have proved almost invincible at Bridgetown, and Pakistan are down in the dumps.

No other side has a record on a particular ground which bears any sort of comparison with that of West Indies at Kensington Oval. Of the 28 Test matches to have been played there, they have lost only one — against England on a sticky pitch in 1935 — and they have won the last 11. Only twice have they come near to losing a second time — against Pakistan on their last tour here, when West Indies scraped home by two wickets, and a year ago, when South Africa, needing 201 to win, reached 123 for two before they froze.

For Pakistan to have any hope of winning now, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis will need to find inspiration in adversity, and yesterday even Wasim was feeling under the weather. They have worked wonders several times before, and it would make for some dramatic cricket if they were to do it again. In theory the venue should be right for them, Kensington having a reputation for being one of the world's faster pitches.

But there is a snag to that for Pakistan, for fast pitches suit West Indies, too. In the last five Test innings in which Ambrose has bowled on the ground his figures are 118.2-48-198-21 (average 9.4). If this giant of a bowler could have been found a grandmother from Karachi and changed sides overnight, Pakistan would probably be starting as favourites, such is the impact he makes.

That Pakistan got a stack of runs against England in England last summer was because everybody gets runs against England. Since then their Test scores have been 216 and 174 against New Zealand and 140 and 165 in Trinidad.

They might have appeared better equipped today had they not left Salim Malik and Shoaib Mohammad behind. As it is, at No 3 and No 5, two key positions in the order, they have Inzamam and Basit Ali, who, for all their promise, are Test novices.

Pakistan are thinking of bringing in Shakeel Ahmed to keep wicket, which he does only occasionally, in the hope that he might strengthen the batting. Like Mushtaq Ahmed and Aqib Javed, Rashid Latif, their No 1 wicketkeeper, has his back in a brace. However, the consistently low-scoring match which would give Pakistan their best chance of victory is not quite as unlikely as might be supposed.

The Caribbean is no longer the batsman's paradise that legend has it to be. There were 15 matches in this season's Red Stripe Cup, and in those there were 12 totals of under 150 and another ten of under 200.

In the two matches at Kensington, Barbados were bowled out for 213, 117 and 79, Guyana for 113 and Trinidad for 178 and 122. The walls of the pavilion here may be lined with photographs of Walcott, Weekes and Worrell standing, padded up, in front of scoreboards displaying their great feats of amassment, but they are mostly from another era, another game — and that, at least, is as well for Pakistan.

SPORT IN BRIEF

League gives hope to demoted clubs

A SEVEN-POINT plan designed to help Nottingham, Chorley and Blackpool, who have been demoted from the senior ranks, was announced by rugby league officials yesterday. It includes financial guarantees for the three clubs for the next three years and a path for promotion from the proposed 12-strong pro-am National Conference League.

Maurice Lindsay, the league chief executive, believes it will give the clubs added incentives in their attempts to win back full status, which they lost in the switch from three to two divisions. "This package fulfils the promises made," Lindsay said. "The board's plan is positive and progressive."

The league will guarantee each of the clubs the same gate receipts they took this season. They will continue to benefit from the distribution of money from central funds and have entry into the two leading knockout competitions.

Devils start favourites

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils, Murrayfield Racers, Nottingham Panthers and Humberside Seahawks compete in the tenth and last Heineken championships at Wembley Arena this weekend, with the Devils favourites to repeat their success of three years ago when they beat the Racers after a penalty shoot-out in the final (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Cardiff have been by far the best team in the premier division this season and should prove too strong for Murrayfield in the semi-finals. Humberside, the surprise qualifiers, who finished above the more fancied Whitley Warriors in their quarter-final group, take on Nottingham.

Lead changes again

YACHTING: Richard Merriweather's crew aboard Commercial Union re-established their lead over the British Steel Challenge fleet yesterday after a tense duel with British Steel II in the final stage of the round-the-world race. The lead has changed seven times in close-quarter racing since the fleet set out from Cape Town last Saturday. Sue Tight, aboard Commercial Union, reported: "We've had more spinnaker peels than hot dinners." The overall race leaders, John Chittenden's crew aboard Nuclear Electric, remain clear of Group 4 and Hofbrau, their two closest rivals.

Call for Rangers

FOOTBALL: Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, yesterday selected seven Rangers players for the vital World Cup qualifying game in Portugal next week. Although missing McLeish, McAllister, Jess and Duncan Ferguson, Roxburgh is confident his side is strong enough to win in Lisbon.

SQUAD: D Bowman (Dundee United), T Boyd (Celtic), J Collins (Celtic), I Durrant (Rangers), I Ferguson (Rangers), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), A Goram (Rangers), R Gough (Rangers), B Gunn (Norwich City), B Irvine (Aberdeen), C Lewin (Heart of Midlothian), S McCall (Rangers), B McClair (Manchester United), A McCoist (Rangers), J McInally (Dundee United), S McKimmie (Aberdeen), A McLaren (Heart of Midlothian), D McPherson (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), P Nevin (Tranmere Rovers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian).

Windsor prize boost

EQUESTRIANISM: A £10,000 show jumping championship, the Toyota British Horsemaster, will be introduced at the Royal Windsor Horse Show from May 12 to 16. The new competition is for the four highest-placed riders from the show's four main competitions. Among those taking part are John and Michael Whitaker, David Broome and Nick Skelton. The four riders in the final will partner each of the four horses, the winner receiving £3,300 and, if the rides produce four clear rounds, a new car. The show will cost £330,000 to stage and has attracted 3,000 entries.

Final fling for Webb



RUGBY UNION: Jonathan Webb, right, England's full back, has an unexpected chance to end his career in glory by taking part in another Courage Clubs Championship triumph for Bath. Webb is recalled for Saturday's final league match at Saracens as Jonathan Callard is switched to the wing for the injured Adedayo Adebayo. Victory would bring Bath their fourth title in six seasons.

Johnston's incentive

BOWLS: Margaret Johnston, the women's world champion, improved her chances of reaching tomorrow's semi-finals when she recovered from a slow start to beat the defending champion, Rob Parrella, 2-9, 9-8, 10-8 in yesterday's section match in the Mazda International Jack High at Tweed Head, on Australia's Gold Coast. Johnston, who had beaten the world indoor champion, Richard Corsie, on Wednesday, now goes into her final section match today against Jeff Rabkin, of Israel, knowing that a win will enable her to reach the last four.

Alderman sacked

CRICKET: Terry Alderman, the former Test bowler, was yesterday sacked after only one season as coach of West Australia. The team finished fourth in the 1992-3 Sheffield Shield after winning it the season before. Chris Smith, the West Australian Cricket Association executive director, said that Alderman's one-year contract would not be renewed because of disappointing results. He added that Daryl Foster, the former West Australia coach, now coaching Kent, was Alderman's probable successor.

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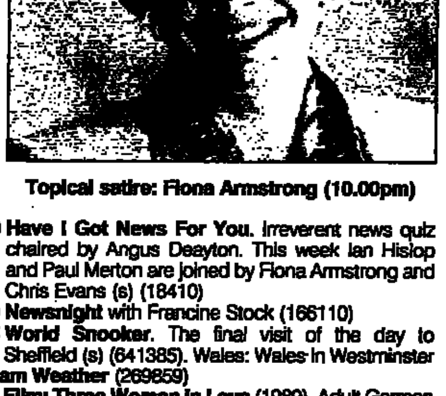
6.00 Business Breakfast (79743)
7.00 Breakfast News (32865491)
9.05 A Word In Your Era. Celebrity game show introduced by Gordon Burns (s) (1735168)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit Dudley in the Black Country (s) (1788976)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (F444385) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7856439)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (88540762)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is Ruth Madoc (s) (4163472)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. A round-up of the morning's events (s) (14659236) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37718762)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (32439)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11927491) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18484878)
2.20 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama (s) (9455830) **3.05 Turnabout.** Word quiz (s) (8486385)
3.35 Cartoon. *Milky Way* (2838694) **3.45 Bananaman** (r) (8845830) **3.50 Harum Scarum** Picture book stories told by Sheila Hancock and Joss Ackland (r) (s) (8866323) **4.00 The Chipmunks** (r) (5437762) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (s) (7823746) **4.35 Rainforest Adventure.** Three teenagers explore the rainforests of Brunei. (Ceefax) (7036033)
5.00 Newsround (5923052) **5.10 Round the Twist.** Episode two of the 12-part Australian comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (6407743)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (370656). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (526)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (878). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (9052)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). A look back to 1957 when Harold Macmillan became prime minister and Althea Gibson became the first black woman to win the Wimbledon singles title. Among those providing the musical memories are Paul Anka, Tommy Steele, Elvis Presley and the Everly brothers (r). (Ceefax) (762). Northern Ireland. Sportscene
8.00 Casualty. Drama series set in a busy general hospital (r). (Ceefax) (s) (603694)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (480697)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2743)


Streetwise: working-class Belchers (9.30pm)

9.30 The Riff Raff Element. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (162994). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
10.25 Film: Spaceballs (1987) starring Mel Brooks. Belated parody of *Star Wars* in which the fragrant and fair Princess Vespa (Daphne Zuniga) has to be saved from the clutches of the evil Lord Dark Helmet (Rick Moranis). Look out, too, for Pizza the Hut. Brooks also directed (9310033). Wales: Slate 10.55 Film: Spaceballs; Northern Ireland: 10.20 The Riff Raff Element 11.10 The Rock 'n' Roll Years 11.40 Dancing
11.55 UK Dance Championships. The professional Latin competition (s) (615061)
12.30am Weather (3509618). Wales: 12.25-1.00 Dancing; Northern Ireland 12.15-1.55 Film: Dillinger

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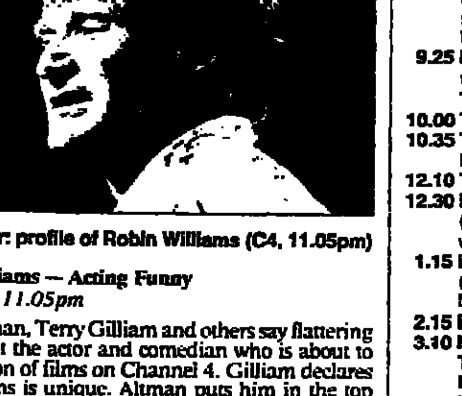
6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (8736859)
8.15 Westminster (5749033)
9.00 Film: The Enchanted Cottage (1945, b/w) starring Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire. A sensitive handling of Sir Arthur Pinero's poignant love story between a man horribly disfigured during the first world war and a plain woman, both of whom thought that they were destined for a life of loneliness. Directed by John Cromwell (90897)
10.30 World Snooker. Dougie Donnelly introduces live coverage of a second round match in the Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (97129878)
1.20 Postman Pat (r) (93314014) **1.35 Betjeman in Australia** The last programme in the series following the late Poet Laureate on his Antipodean travels (r) (18465743)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60926762) **2.05 Jumpcuts.** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (60925033)
2.10 World Snooker. Further second round action from Sheffield (32808052)
6.00 Film: Sugarfoot (1951) starring Randolph Scott, Adele Jergens, S.Z. Sakall and Raymond Massey. Low-budget western about a former Confederate officer who moves to Arizona in the hope of starting a new life but finds the town he has chosen being run by an old adversary. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (7430762)
7.20 Dr Who. Episode one of a four-part adventure *Battlefield*, first shown in 1989, starring Sylvester McCoy (r). (Ceefax) (443762)
7.45 What the Papers Say presented by freelance writer Russell Davies (608897)
8.00 Public Eye: A Poor Retirement. Jenny Cuffe reports on the government's plans to raise the retirement age for women to 65 (3014)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes Geoff Hamilton with advice on getting the best from the garden centre and John Anderson admiring a garden in County Wicklow. (Ceefax) (s) (2149)
9.00 World Snooker presented by David Vine (s) (2859)


Topical satire: Fiona Armstrong (10.00pm)

10.00 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent news quiz chaired by Angus Deayton. This week Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Fiona Armstrong and Chris Evans (s) (18410)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (166110)
11.15 World Snooker. The final visit of the day to Sheffield (s) (641385). Wales: Wales in Westminster
12.45am Weather (269859)
12.50 Film: Three Women In Love (1989). Adult German comedy about a young philosopher whose life is taken over by three beautiful women. Directed by Rudolphe Thome. In German with English subtitles (1671892). Ends at 2.15

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CHOICE


Comic actor: profile of Robin Williams (C4, 11.05pm)

Robin Williams — Acting Funny
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Robert Altman, Terry Gilliam and others say flattering things about the actor and comedian who is about to have a season of films on Channel 4. Gilliam declares that Williams is unique. Altman puts him in the top five and cannot remember the other four. Fellow comic Steven Wright calls him a genius. A young British critic, Mark Kermode, is on hand to supply a corrective. His thesis is that Williams's wacky, stream of consciousness humour has rarely been harnessed by the cinema, except perhaps in *Popeye*. Kermode has particular reservations about *Good Morning, Vietnam* which he describes as two hours of Williams shouting before a microphone. *You can judge for yourselves* when the film is shown on Sunday.

The Chief
ITV, 9.00pm

The East Anglian cop show continues in strong form, neatly dovetailing its various narrative strands and offering plenty of cliffhangers to be resolved in next week's episode. Perhaps because of the change of writer, with Peter Jukes in sole charge this week, there is less speechifying and more dialogue in which you can believe. Tim Pigott-Smith's Stafford seems sure to leave for the Continent before the series is out but in the meantime his enquiry into corruption at the Met is still providing excellent dramatic material. If this part of the plot is less than flattering to the police, it is more than balanced by the mixture of Home Office and local politics which will surely bedevil Martin Shaw as the new chief of Eastland as it has Stafford.

Metropolis
Channel 4, 11.35pm

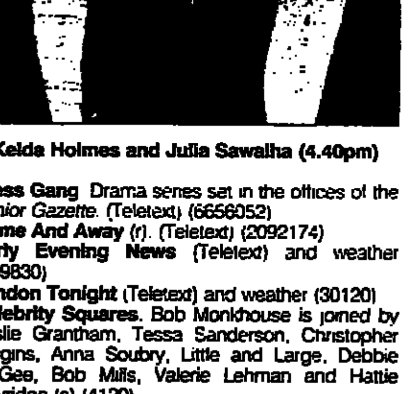
No season of science fiction films could leave out Fritz Lang's silent classic about a mechanistic city of the future whose workers rise up against oppression. As a prediction, the story may be flawed, because the year 2000, the time of the film, will soon be upon us and things are not looking as bad he imagined. But in a metaphorical sense there is still much to ponder in his account of a society where a power-crazed elite dominates a people reduced to slavery. Again, even if the story is simplistic, the film constantly grips through Lang's towering visual imagination. This is Giorgio Moroder's 1984 version, which added colour tinting and an electronic score and cut the footage by a quarter to produce a tighter narrative.

The Riff Raff Element
BBC1, 9.30pm

As it enters episode four, Debbie Horsfield's drama is becoming less about the class war than class accommodation. Far from striking sparks, the mixing of a working-class family with a fading upper crust has reached an amiable plateau. If Joanna gets fed up with her drippy husband, she can always look for new conquests among the proletariat. If Boyd finds himself struggling with the school football team, there is ready-made help from old Acky and leggy Carmen. The show's underlying theme, about the ineffectual elite being outsmarted by the streetwise lower ranks, continues to be explored with gentle good humour. We are a long way from the brash subversion of Horsfield's last series, *Making Out*. **Peter Waymark**

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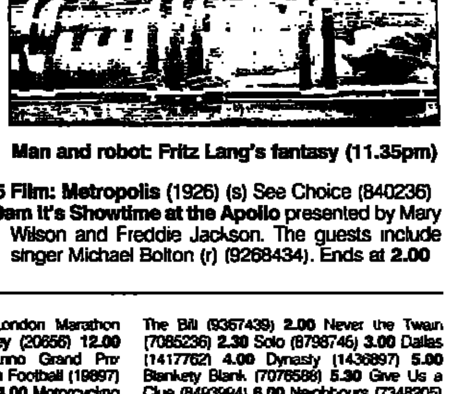
6.00 GMTV This morning's guests include Michael Barrymore and, from the cast of *London's Burning*, Sean Blowers. In the last of the week's *Missing* strand at **8.15**, a former runaway from Devon who spent nine months missing in London talks about his experiences (7555965)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Lennie Bennett introduces the word game show (s) (7929675) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7832659)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (4544897)
10.35 This Morning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (88534101)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (8100859)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3128025) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93339323)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama (Teletext) (775781) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (774052)
2.15 Life Goes On American drama series (7346507)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8443897) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8442168) **3.20 Blockbusters** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers (s) (1365304)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (7062830) **3.55 Cartoon Time** (5202033) **4.15 Talespin** (r) (s) (5823566)


Kelda Holmes and Julia Sawalha (4.40pm)

4.40 Press Gang Drama series set in the offices of the *Junior Gazette*. (Teletext) (6656052)
5.10 Home And Away (r). (Teletext) (2092174)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (999830)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (30120)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse is joined by Leslie Grantham, Tessa Sanderson, Christopher Biggins, Anna Soubry, Little and Large, Debbie McGee, Bob Mills, Valerie Lehman and Hattie Hayridge (s) (4120)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (830)
8.00 Conjugal Rites. Comedy starring Gwen Taylor and Michael Williams as a middle-aged couple reassessing their 21 years of marriage. (Teletext) (7728)
8.30 The Gingerbread Girl. Comedy series starring Janet Dibley as a single mother. Working in a library, she meets a possible boyfriend. But what are his motives? (s) (9675)
9.00 The Chief. (Teletext) See Choice (9385)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (12236) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (141149)
10.40 The London Programme. A look at the unemployment problem in the south-east (338149)
11.10 Beverly Hills 90210. Teen drama set in sun-kissed California (s) (272255)
12.05 The ITV Chart Show (s) (6116724)
1.00 Whale On. James Whale introduces music, guests and a discussion on the monarchy (3900960)
2.05 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and strategy (504369)
3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest American releases reviewed (1581540)
3.40 Austin City Limits. Country music (8830453)
4.35 Coach. Comedy series about an American college football coach (14632960)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (28298)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26279). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball with, this morning, John Wayne (r) (50236) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** Cat and dog comedy cartoon (3388385)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. The guests include Neil Sedaka (15762)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (99335)
9.30 Film: The Great Waltz (1972) starring Horst Buchholz, Nigel Patrick and Rossano Brazzi. Stodgy musical biopic of Johann Strauss Jr. Directed by Andrew L. Stone (403410)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with a round up of news from both Houses (19149)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (72897) **1.30 Chicken Minute** Animation (r) (s) (29014)
2.00 Eat Your Greens Sophie Grigson learns about pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving from an American living in London (r). (Teletext) (8946)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Forte Conditions Stakes (2.35); the Ring and Brymer Stakes (3.05); the Gardner Merchant Mile (3.40), and the Autobar Group Rated Stakes (4.10) (34588)
4.30 Fifteen To One Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (743)
5.00 Naked Sport: Welcome to the Sewer. A repeat of Monday's first in a series of six exposés of the American sports business, beginning with boxing. (Teletext) (s) (1033)
6.00 Blossom Comedy series about a teenage girl living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles apartment (s) (235)
6.30 Happy Days American teen comedy (Teletext) (588)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (324149)
7.50 First Reaction Dance critic Judith Mackrell on the UK dance championships (s) (944101)
8.00 Europe Express Includes an interview with Petr Muk, a Czech gentle rock star who is converting to Judaism; and a report from Klaus Schwagrzinnia who has tracked down the former East German coaches who regularly handed out performance-enhancing drugs (1410)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7217)
9.00 Grow Your Greens Sophie Grigson meets a champion leek-grower, sisters who are big in the onion-growing business and a woman who debunks the garlic-growing myth (Teletext) (s) (8781)
9.30 Cheers. Award-winning comedy about the lives of the customers and staff of a Boston bar (Teletext) (s) (40507)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking American domestic comedy starring Roseanne Arnold. (Teletext) (s) (10878)
10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Ad lib comedy chaired by Clive Anderson. The guests are Tony Slattery, Steve Frost, Ryan Stiles and Colin Mochrie (s) (360859)
11.05 Robin Williams — Acting Funny. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (509149)


Man and robot: Fritz Lang's fantasy (11.35pm)

11.35 Film: Metropolis (1926) (s) See Choice (840236)
1.10am It's Showtime at the Apollo presented by Mary Wilson and Freddie Jackson. The guests include singer Michael Bolton (r) (9268434). Ends at **2.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1365304) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2092174) **6.00** Home and Away (793859) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (651410) **10.45** Married...with Children (347897) **11.10** Film: Eleni (69388491) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (5029989) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30** Riviera (48540) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28298)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45 Challenge (774052) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (7346507) **3.20-3.50** GP (1365304) **6.00** Lookaround (694) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (946) **10.40** The Union and the League (338149) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (901255) **12.10** The War of the Worlds (6113637) **1.05** Rock Sport (2105144) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (5029989) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30** Riviera (48540) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28298)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (775781) **1.45** Home and Away (774052) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (7346507) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1365304) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (2092174) **6.00** Home and Away (793859) **6.25-7.00** Central News (651410) **10.40** Crime Stalker (338149) **11.10** Film: Body of Evidence (779014) **12.55** Film: A Different Affair (Anne Archer, Tony Roberts) (708665) **2.40** Whale On (2533540) **3.40** The Beat (2571160) **4.40** Jobfinder (2403665) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6840231)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (775781) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (774052) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (2092174) **6.00** Home and Away (694) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (946) **10.40** Love and War (338149) **11.10** Juice (500878) **11.40** The War of the Worlds (584304) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (5029989) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30** Riviera (48540) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28298)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Challenge of the Seas (774052) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (7346507) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1365304) **6.00** HTV News (694) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (946) **10.40** Night Voices (118323) **11.40** Film: Daisy Chain (564304) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (5029989) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30** Riviera (48540) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28298)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.40** Swansea Festival

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15 Grass Roots (768033) **2.45-3.10** Material World (4573526) **3.20-3.50** Young Doctors (1365304) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (30120) **10.40** Film: The Man Who Loved Women (54503965) **12.55-1.05** The Twilight Zone (7504521) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2416095) **2.35** Raw Power (2541569) **3.35** Cue the Music (8815144) **4.30** Zorro (48540) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: The Spaniard's Curse (5339385) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1365304) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (694) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (946) **10.40** The Warehouse (118323) **11.40-1.05** Film: The Hunters (536033) **2.05** The Big E (5043589) **3.00** Film: The Defector (220076)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (30120) **10.40** Kelly (7566675) **12.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6113637) **1.05** Pop Profile (2105144) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (5029989) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (48540)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (774052) **2.15** The Sullivans (768033) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (4573526) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1365304) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (30120) **10.40** Westwise (338149) **11.15** Film: American Flyers (57125507) **1.25** Whale On (9659705) **2.25** Raw Power (1184705) **3.25** Entertainment UK (2569182) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (48540)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: The Spaniard's Curse (5339385) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1365304) **5.55** Calendar (381014) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (946) **10.40** The Warehouse (118323) **11.40-1.05** Film: The Hunters (536033) **2.05** The Big E (5043589) **3.00** Film: The Defector (220076) **4.45** Get Wet (51095) **5.15-5.30** Nite Bites

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Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (99385) **9.30** Film: The Great Waltz (403410) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (19149) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (20743) **1.00** Lift Off (25149) **1.30** Blossom (29014) **2.00** Wealth of Wildfowl (6946) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (27205410) **4.25** Slot 23 (3493491) **5.00** Fifteen To One (2526) **5.30** Brookside (323) **6.00** News (162965) **6.10** Heno (757033) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2762) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (472) **8.00** Gorsaf Awyriach (1410) **8.30** News (827120) **8.55** Sgwcer (116878) **9.30** San Steffan (483236) **9.45** He Play/She Play (756894) **10.00** Roseanne (10878) **10.30** Whose Line is It Anyway? (360859) **11.05** Robin Williams — Acting Funny (509149) **11.35-1.10** Film: Metropolis (840236)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24147694) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5746743) **9.10** Cartoons (5861948) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (73859) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4675439) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3174138) **10.30** Concentration (51149) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (82033) **11.30** Falcon Crest (55507) **12.30pm** E Street (77675) **1.00** Another World (6932743) **1.45** Santa Barbara (305948) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (546287) **3.15** Different Strokes (326439) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4512946) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3033) **6.00** Games World (1976) **6.30** E Street (4236) **7.00** Rescue (4762) **7.30** Family Ties (3120) **8.00** V (15859) **9.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (28323) **10.00** Code 3 (36830) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83168) **11.30** Studs (13830) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (53694) **8.30** News and Business Report (904007) **9.30** Nightline (44101) **10.30** 48 Hours (33507) **11.30** International Business Report (53149) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (37323) **1.30** Good Morning America (38052) **2.30** Parliament (55946) **3.30** The Lords (64965) **4.30** News and Business Report (6043) **5.00** Live at Five (50781) **6.30** News and Business Report (63965) **7.30** 48 Hours (1762) **10.30** Nightline (74410) **11.30** ABC News (44781) **12.30am** 48 Hours (62705) **1.30** ABC News (24328) **2.30** Getaway (54618) **3.30** ABC News (59183) **4.30** *Financial Times Reports* (53328) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (64453)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8531526)
10.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992): Two medical students reanimate the monster (12907255)
11.35 The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969). Italian villagers hide their wine from the Nazis. Starring Anthony Quinn (93629897)
2.00pm The Revolutionary (1970): Jon Voight plays a political radical (12762)
4.00 Popi (1969). Alan Arkin wants a better life for his two sons (8965)
6.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (as 10am) (21536897)
7.40 US Top Ten (601859)
8.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991): Cyborg Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to protect Linda Hamilton's son (74041255)
10.15 Loverboy (1989): Pizza delivery boy Patrick Dempsey becomes romantically involved with four housewives (448472)
12.05am Blood Fight (1989): Martial arts drama starring Christine Lawson (474453)
2.00 Firestarter (1984). Drew Barrymore plays a pyromaniac (43291)
4.00 Under the Boardwalk (1989): Surfing drama (194057). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Zorba the Greek (1964): Alan Bates befriends Anthony Quinn (72828656)
8.20 Law and Order (1953). Sheriff Ronald Reagan cleans up the old west (79111762)
10.15 The Enforcer (1976): Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry teams up with Tyne Daly (264507). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Come Blow Your Horn (1962): Neil Simon comedy with Frank Sinatra (24174)
8.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983): Animation (47897)
10.00 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (1935, b/w): Claude Rains plays Dickens's opium-addicted choirmaster (79033)
12.00 The Promise (1979): A car crash victim has plastic surgery (20120)
2.00pm Istanbul (1957) Errol Flynn searches for a cache of diamonds (10304)
4.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (as 8am) (6507)
6.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 (1991): Heroic adventures (30168)
8.00 The Keys (1991): Two brothers conflict with Florida land developers (13263588)
10.35 Writer's Block (1991) Crime writer Morgan Fairchild decides to kill off her principal character (1477491)
12.00 Field of Fire (1991) David Carradine leads marines into the Vietnam jungle to rescue a POW (92415)
1.30am The Lightning Incident (1991): Nancy McKeon's nightmares reveal that the devil is after her baby (996811)
3.05 Run (1990) Patrick Dempsey is accused of murder (779927)
4.40 Seven Minutes: Klaus Maria Brandauer plots to assassinate Hitler (2269279). Ends at **6.10**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (62120) **7.00** European League Round-Up (84762) **8.00** The Boot Room (85491) **9.00** Morning Stretch (91656) **9.30** US PGA Golf (23859) **11.30** Morning Stretch (23304) **12.00** ATP Tennis: Monte Carlo Open (3059507) **6.00pm** Soccer Weekend (34859) **7.00** The Big League (95995859) **9.15** US PGA Golf (44946743) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (82472) **12.00** Netbusters (98434) **12.30-2.00am** The Big League (26908)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (10255) **8.00** Show Jumping (67859) **9.00** London Marathon (18168) **10.00** Ice Hockey (20656) **12.00** Motor Racing: San Marino Grand Prix (23743) **1.00pm** European Football (19897) **2.30** Ice Hockey (89168) **4.00** Motorcycling Magazine (1946) **4.30** Motorsport Magazine (31304) **5.30** Motor Racing: San Marino Grand Prix (31878) **6.30** Eurosport News (2875) **7.00** Ice Hockey (217675) **9.30** Basketball (24472) **10.00** Boxing (89656) **11.30** Ice Hockey (77052) **12.00-1.00am** Eurosport News (95908)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12305304) **6.15** Button Moon (12300859) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (6842410) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3594410) **7.30** Neighbours (3580217) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1929946) **8.30** EastEnders (1928217) **9.00** The Bill (1942897) **9.30** The Brothers (5792120) **10.30** Tenko (6488762) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1413946) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1922033) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9368168) **1.00** EastEnders (3593781) **1.30** The Bill (9367439) **2.00** Never the Twain (7085236) **2.30** Solo (8798745) **3.00** Dallas (1417762) **4.00** Dynasty (1436897) **5.00** Blankety Blank (7076588) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8493994) **6.00** Neighbours (7348205) **6.30** The Brothers (3351149) **7.30** Never the Twain (1748061) **8.00** EastEnders (7065472) **8.30** Solo (7084507) **9.00** Tenko (9317526) **10.00** The Bill (1923762) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1932410) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1437526) **11.30** Dr Who: The Sea Devils (6839946) **12.00** Film: Bedlam (1946, b/w) starring Boris Karloff (41398095) **1.20-2.00am** Videos (6960927)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (93385) **7.00** Ratkan II (75491) **9.00** Jack in the Box (65526) **11.00** Stories Without Words (64675) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (65304) **12.00** Secret Valley (94255) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (70675) **2.00** Stories Without Words (9878) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5168) **3.00** Bobobobs (6385) **3.30** RatKan II (95304) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (2965) **6.00-7.00** Fame (90439)

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show with Claire Sturgess **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) Submarine in session **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Michael Parkinson **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here: Mark Steyn hosts the quiz about musicals **7.30** St George — A Commemoration of His Feast Day, live from the Albert Hall **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** It's My Party: Sean Hughes (r) **1.05** Decisions, Decisions. **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Nigel and Earl Sort Out the World, by Joe Taylor and Martin Jameson **7.15** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids, by Jamie Rix. Read by Nigel Planer **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Inside Sasha. The final story by Stuart Silver (r) **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Fame **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Fame. See Choice **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf, Father and Son **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: At the Dentist's Office **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto: Henri Vieuxtemps (Violin Concerto No 4. Jascha Heifetz); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 9) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert: A concert to celebrate the birth of William Shakespeare. Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream); Prokofiev (Ballet Suite) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Miscellany — Numbers
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Thomas Arne (Concerto No 5 in G minor); Schubert (Fantasy in F minor, D940); Bax (Romantic Overture); Haydn (Symphony No 57 in D)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Respighi (Lucrezia: Soloists: Junge Schweizer-Philharmonie under Janos Meszaros)
10.00 La vie parisienne: Offenbach (Overture, La vie parisienne); Cherubini (String Quartet No 5 in F); Gluck (J'ai perdu mon Euridice, Orphée et Euridice); Chopin (Piano Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58), Stravinsky (Pas de deux, The Fairy's Kiss); Franck (Symphony in D minor)
12.00 Phyllis Bryn-Julson (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Lilian Kallir, piano, plays Scarlatti (Sonatas: in B flat, Kk544; in D, Kk430; in D, Kk29), Beethoven (Sonata in E, Op 109); Chopin (Waltz in C sharp minor, Op 64 No 2; Waltz in D flat, Op 64 No 1, Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47)
2.00 The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra: The 1960s. Dennis McCaldin presents the fourth of seven programmes. With recordings by the London Sinfonietta and the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Stravinsky (Symphonies of wind instruments); Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in F minor, BWV 1056); Messiaen (Des canyons aux étoiles — excerpt); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1); Jerome Kern (Overture, Showboat); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Webern (Five Movements, Op 5); Mozart (London Sketchbook — excerpts)
4.00 Jacopo Peri: Mark Tucker, tenor, Nigel North, lute, perform a selection of songs by the Florentine composer (r)
4.30 Love, War and Exile. Ruth Davis presents the second of two programmes of traditional Kurdish music
5.00 In Tune, presented by Edward Greenfield
7.30 BBC Philharmonic in Stuttgart: Live from the Kongresshalle. Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise: James MacDonald Reid, bagpipes); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D: Igor Oistrakh). **8.05** Wir Lachen Doch! Andrew Sachs discusses Bavarian humour. **8.25** Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
9.25 Tanya Moiseiwitsch: The last of three programmes in which the British stage designer talks to John Drummond
9.40 London Baroque, with Emma Kirkby, soprano, performs Handel (Trio Sonata in G minor, Op 2 No 5; Agrippina condotta a morire); Telemann (Concerto a quattro in D); Rameau (Cantata, Le berger fidèle) (r)
10.45 Poems of Earth and Ether: Miró's Dream of Creation. Richard Calvocoressi celebrates the centenary of the birth of the Catalan artist Joan Miró. With contributions from his grandson Juan Punyet Miró, critic Margit Rowell, art historian Victoria Combalia and Desmond Morris
11.30 Midnight Oil features Gevin Bryars's *Ellarene* and music from the jazz pianist Marilyn Crispell **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the chef Anton Edelmann (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell with real-life stories from Bentley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): Simon Brett presents diary extracts for April 23
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of personal faith. Read by Freddie Jones, Amanda Waring, Jennifer Ehle and Nonie Kent
10.30 Woman's Hour: Corinne Julius reports from Amsterdam on the enduring qualities of the tulip. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by George Macpherson
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
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3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: The author Frances Fyfield investigates the crime novel, with the help of Trevor Barnes, Michael Dibdin and P.D. James. Meanwhile, Simon Brett, Liza Cody and Reginald Hill explore the importance of how and why, rather than who dunit
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reports from Barcelona on the celebrations to mark the centenary of the artist Joan Miró's birth; and explores the reality of Barcelona, post-Olympics
4.45 Short Story: The Curtain With the Knot in It, by Shena Mackay. Read by Jane Whittenshaw (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin with transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke is joined in Morpeth, Northumberland, by Jeremy Beecham, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities; MPs Chris Mullen and David Willetts; and Ruth Deech, principal, St Anne's College, Oxford
8.50 Stop Press, presented by John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The Ballerina — A Swansong (r). See Choice
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: A Straightforward Tale, by Leonardo Sciascia. Stephen MacDonald reads the final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Fame. *BBC World Service, 1.15pm.*
Emma Freud's documentary about the transformation of mere mortals into semi-gods illustrates the competitive edge the World Service has over its domestic rivals. It has a global reservoir to draw upon. Thus correspondents can speak with authority about Alexander the Great being the world's first public relations man, about the current idols in Russia and China, about Michael Caine's being "big" in Harare but unknown in India and about the southeast Asian whose only claim to fame was that his grandfather used to break wind in public.

The Ballerina: A Swansong. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*
Taking stock of the current state of the ballerina's art, this *Kaleidoscope* feature does not have anything wildly optimistic to say about her present or future. The question is posed not once but twice: how can a ballerina go on thinking of herself as the queen bee of tradition (specifically, Princess Aurora in *Sleeping Beauty*) in a changed world in which she is unlikely to find a man who will open a door for her? **Peter Davalle**

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FRIDAY APRIL 23 1993

Fervent supporters provide reaffirmation of faith at Ibrox

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE most impressive act of Rangers' final night in Europe came after the play. It was when 43,142 spectators turned Ibrox into a cathedral of sound, a deafening and extended standing ovation to their players, many of whom were in tears believing they had failed.

Out of such failure comes reaffirmation of faith. This was a contradiction to the base modern maxim of winning at all costs. Rangers came close, but emphatically they are not winners: not, that is, victors on the night or in a European campaign that now takes Marseilles and Milan to the *champions' cup final in Munich* on May 26.

What the crowd were telling the players, and telling the world, was that they are ready to start again, ready to prove the power base, the communion between spectators and performers, that has rebuilt Rangers FC. "The fans' reaction *was some phenomenon,*" observed Ally McCoist after the lights had gone out and his eyes had dried. "Only the 11 boys out on the park could really appreciate the emotion. These were Glaswegians showing their real colours, and I tell you after the initial disappointment, there are a lot of proud boys in the dressing-room."

If only his head or his feet had *shown such precision during the* game. It is inevitable we should pick on him: he has grown rich and famous on his ability to score the goals and take the limelight. And thankfully, he is irrepressible enough to come out talking when his own contribution had registered five chances, five misses, only *one requiring a save.* Indeed, the overall tally for Rangers was 26 shots, nine on target.

McCoist's inability to do what he instinctively does week in week out is football's equivalent to the Rubik Cube. Why does a proven predator turn to such profligacy? It was emphatically not a lack of will or of ability to dodge European markers and a sweeper. McCoist was the Pimpernel in blue, finding space here, there, and everywhere behind the red Russian lines.

There were moments when no one could claim it was lack of control, moments when the ball obeyed his touch, and put him into gilt-edged scoring positions. So what was it? The final act, the scoring, demanded nothing to be done at any greater pace or cleverness on this night than any other. Yet this athlete who had scored 52 times in 50 matches *already this season, simply found* that the harder he tried, the more success eluded him.

Wednesday was the night in which one displaced Croatian, Alen Boksic, did once for Marseilles what McCoist could not do from five opportunities for Rangers. Some say that he cannot do it at the higher level, and that in 10 European games this season, he *has scored only twice,* home and away against Leeds.

Their evidence is that he has not put the ball into the net of a European club since October, 1990, when he scored *against Red* Star. "I couldn't believe my first header went wide," McCoist said, trying to fathom his own strange night. "I certainly had chances, and not converting them was a bit of bad luck, a bit of bad finishing, and some great goalkeeping." He smiled, paused, and added: "Maybe *you've heard* that line before."

Maybe. McCoist has nothing *more contemplative* to offer. Strikers live on perseverance and intuition. They have neither excuses nor explanations, and if we assume that McCoist is highly strung, that he lives on the edge, then surely this is the same creature who has decided league championships and cup finals in *Scotland?*

For the national team, his failure is only relative: 15 goals in 45 games. And the case that he might have been missing his suspended partner, Mark Hateley, also dissolves on recognition that five times he got clean away, five times he missed the target.

McCoist is as human as the rest of us, that once in a rut, even a peculiar one that lingers only for a single competition, he is finding the devil's own job of working his way out of it.

Possibly the moment which *really cost* Rangers so dear in Europe came a month ago in Bruges, where Hateley, foolishly got himself sent off. Planning, forethought, and judicious club building have put Rangers ahead of English clubs. They built an all-seater stadium long before Lord Justice Taylor decreed that English clubs should do the same, and they are now coming up with financial schemes that will put them further and further ahead. Good luck to them.

Wright to miss Holland match

By Keith Pike

IAN Wright, the Arsenal striker, is out of England's crucial World Cup group two qualifying match against Holland at Wembley next Wednesday. His place in the FA Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday on May 15 is also in doubt.

Wright broke the little toe of his right foot during Arsenal's 1-1 Premier League draw against Nottingham Forest at Highbury on Wednesday, although he later scored his first goal for seven games. He thought he had suffered only bruising but an x-ray later revealed the extent of the injury.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, may now give Teddy Sheringham, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, his international debut, although he has the option of reviving the partnership of David Platt *and Les Ferdinand,* which was responsible for five of the six goals England scored against San Marino in February.

Taylor yesterday added two *defenders — David Burrows,* of Liverpool, and Martin Keown, of Arsenal — to his squad because of doubts about the fitness of Keown's teammate, Nigel Winterburn. He damaged ankle ligaments against Forest but is expected to recover in time to face Holland.

Wright, who has not scored in eight games for his country, will need to prove his fitness during Arsenal's sequence of five league games in 11 days leading up to the Cup Final. "I always look on the bright side and I won't even think about missing the final," he said.

"I'm very disappointed I'm going to miss the Holland game because it would have been a good yardstick, not only for myself but for the rest of the England team. I think we will give them a good beating."

Gary Lewin, the Arsenal physiotherapist, said: "It is too early to say whether Ian's Cup Final place is in doubt. We'll see how the injury has healed after a couple of weeks. Hopefully, it will have settled down. If not, we've got problems."

So, too, have Wales, who face an equally vital group four tie against the Representation of Czech and Slovak Republics — formerly Czechoslovakia — in Ostrava next Wednesday.

Already deprived of three first-choice central defenders — Eric Young, of Crystal Palace, and Mark Aizlewood, of Bristol City, who are suspended, and the injured Clayton Blackmore, of Manchester United — Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, has since learned that Kevin Ratcliffe, of Cardiff City, damaged a hamstring in the Welsh Cup semi-final against Wrexham on Tuesday and is also doubtful.

The Welsh FA (WFA) yesterday invoked the Fifa six-day rule, which means that four first division clubs involved in promotion and relegation games tomorrow will not be able to field their Wales players.

The clubs affected are Portsmouth (Kit Symons), Swindon Town (Paul Bodin), Oxford United (Andrew Melville) and Derby County (Mark Pembridge).

Portsmouth were incensed. They had already brought forward their game against Wolverhampton Wanderers by 24 hours, from Sunday, to enable Symons to play — a decision that cost them about £100,000 in lost television rights and advertising.

"Terry Yorath led us to believe we could play Kit on Saturday, which is why we changed the game," Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, said. "If they had stuck to their original decision, none of this mess would have happened."

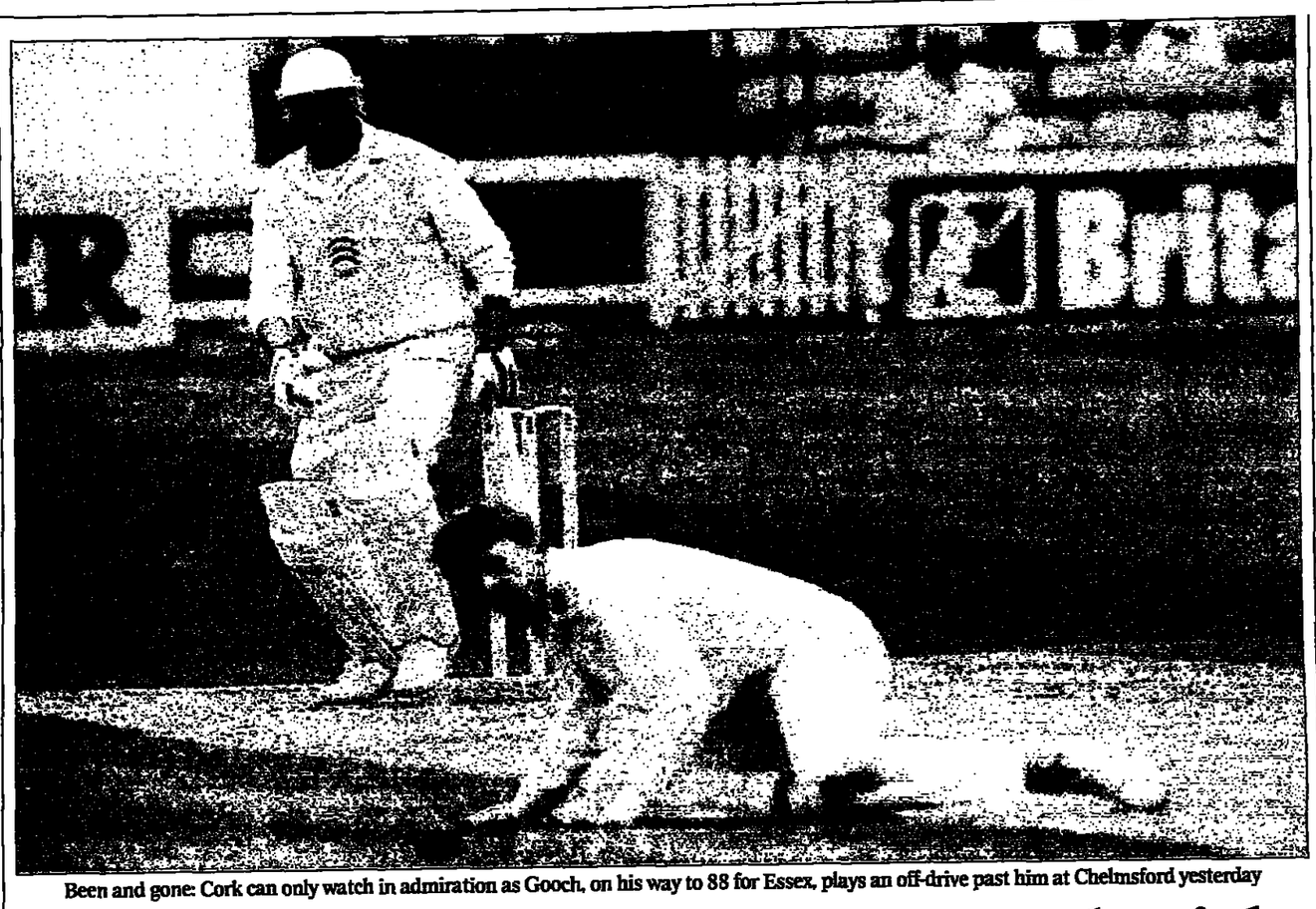
Alan Evans, secretary of the WFA, said: "The situation was aggravated by the Ratcliffe injury." Evans, though, conceded that the WFA decision was "unsatisfactory in that it is a late decision. I have sympathy for Portsmouth because they tried to assist us."

Uefa shelves league

THE Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup may be merged next season as Europe's governing body seeks ways to cut the number of teams taking part. Protests from the German, Dutch and French federations have forced Uefa to drop plans to set up a 128-club league to replace the champions' cup and Uefa Cup.

There will also be changes *to next year's champions' cup* format. The two champions' cup leagues will feed their top two teams into semi-finals, rather than the top teams into the final. The two teams with the best record in the previous three years will be top seeds in the semi-finals and play the non-seeded team from the other pool.

The president of Uefa, Lennart Johansson, said the proposal for a super league had been shelved "because it is clear a majority is against *mixing the champions* with other clubs in competitions. They want to keep the champions' league."



Been and gone: Cork can only watch in admiration as Gooch, on his way to 88 for Essex, plays an off-drive past him at Chelmsford yesterday

Gooch steals the show in Test match trial

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; England A won toss): Essex have scored 306 for seven against England A

ENGLAND'S selectors gathered at Chelmsford to learn a little more about the next generation of Test match players and ended up watching a man about whom there is little left to learn. Graham Gooch, never happier than on his home patch, was characteristically the first to advertise his form in a game that has shed its traditions of MCC and Lord's but gained in importance as a Test trial.

Four hours into the opening day against England A, Essex were 180 for two, Gooch 12 short of the century that the cricket authorities, if nobody else, insist would be his 100th rather than his 101st. It was then that this serene example of normal service at the champions' headquarters was rudely disrupted.

Paul Taylor spent the entire winter tour with Gooch without seeing much of him on the field. Chosen for only three first-class games, Taylor became a forgotten man. Yesterday morning, he bowled as if this was not a situation likely to change but, in one purple over shortly before tea, he *took three wickets in four* balls.

Gooch was the first to fall and, if Taylor was gratified by the circumstances, he was *surely no more so than Jack* Russell. Demoted to the A team for the winter, with no immediate prospect of a recall, England's finest wicket-keeper tumbled to his left to hold Gooch's leg glance.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Russell b Taylor	88
J P Stephenson c Caddick b Salisbury	38
J J B Lewis c Russell b Cork	16
N Hussain not out	76
N V Knight b Taylor	0
†M A Garnham low b Taylor	0
D R Pringle run out	25
T D Topley low b Taylor	10
M C Ilott not out	18
Extras (b 10, lb 10, w 1, nb 14)	35
Total (7 wkts)	306

P M Such and J H Childs to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-158, 3-180, 4-180, 5-180, 6-235, 7-263.
ENGLAND A: M N Lathwell, M A Roseberry, **M D Moxon, G P Thorpe,* G D Lloyd, J P Crawley, †R C Russell, D G Cork, A R Caddick, I D K Salisbury, J P Taylor.
Umpires: K E Palmer and B Leadbeater.

Gooch will concede that he was not at his most masterful yesterday and he was fortunate to be given two lives against the luckless Andy Caddick.

Lanky to a point where his *legs seem disproportionately* long, Caddick can look stiff in his action early in a day. By his third over, however, he was loose enough to commit Gooch on off-stump, only to see Graham Thorpe drop a straightforward chance at second slip. Graham Lloyd, at third slip, put down Gooch at 53 off a similar ball from Caddick, whose line never faltered.

Dominic Cork was equally impressive before lunch but it needed a high full toss from Ian Salisbury, a profitable lapse in otherwise exemplary leg-break bowling, to split the *openers. John Stephenson,* blood rushing, heaved it to mid-on.

Lewis managed only 16 of the 69 added in 29 overs for *the second wicket but Gooch* and Nasser Hussain, lighter *by a stone after a winter* playing and training in Sydney, were cruising until Taylor's over.

Nick Knight was out first ball, bowled while trying to withdraw his bat. Mike Garnham jumpily survived the hat-trick but was leg-before to an inswinger next ball. Gooch was still taking off his pads and his team had declined to 180 for five.

On an increasingly murky evening, Hussain held them together. He has been out of England favour since the West Indies tour of three winters ago but, as he moved *to 76,* watched from the committee window by Messrs Dexter, Fletcher and Amiss, a recall this summer did not seem improbable.

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Senna plays waiting game with officials

From Oliver Holt
in Imola

IN THE heat and dust of the paddock at the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari we waited yesterday. For Ayrton Senna or for Ron Dennis, the McLaren team manager. Neither came, although early in the afternoon Senna was at least rumoured to be somewhere in Italy.

When a McLaren official arrived carrying a large suitcase, it was searched in jest for *the missing Brazilian* whose participation in the world championship this season has been on a strictly race by race basis.

Clusters of onlookers gathered around the team's motorhome and as the 6pm deadline for naming replacement drivers approached, speculation grew that this time the bluffing was over and Senna would be absent from the San Marino grand prix on Sunday. Eventually, after he was said to be still at his São Paulo home, another buzz of excitement greeted the news of the week's most sought-after travel plans.

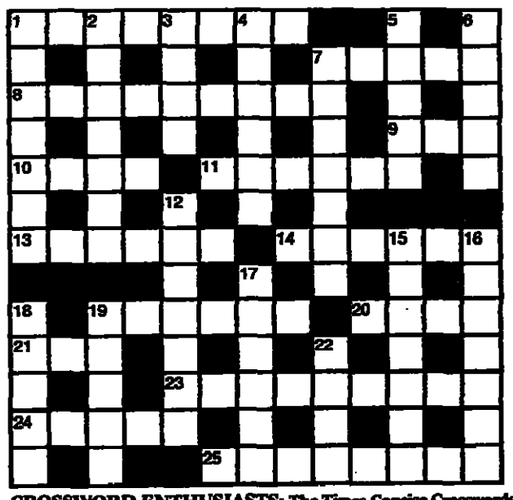
Senna, 33, three times world champion and the championship leader, was about to board an Alitalia flight that would get him to Rome at 7.30am today, a 300-mile helicopter ride from here where practice starts at 9.30am.

There is no requirement for Senna to take part in the morning session, although failure to do so would no doubt disrupt McLaren's preparations.

The delay marked a new stage in the brinksmanship in which Senna has engaged this season in an apparent attempt to secure both a better financial deal for himself and to pressure Ford into giving McLaren access to the superior works engine on which Benetton has first claim.

Part of the reason for the delay may also have been the obvious suitability of this power track to the rival Renault-powered Williams team.

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1 Poor condition (3,5)
7 Indian corn (5)
8 *Contents list* (9)
9 Bricklayer's tray (3)
10 Pari-mutuel (4)
11 Fish boiler (6)
13 Like better (6)
14 On the water (6)
19 Oriental market (6)
20 Abominable snowman (4)
21 By way of (3)
23 Explanation (9)
24 Rummage (5)
25 Turn up again (8)

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1 Constructed in stages (5,2)
2 Fan (7)
3 Thick slab (4)
4 Correct (6)
5 Tenth levy (5)
6 S. African grassland (5)
7 Puzzle (7)
12 Convulsion (7)
15 Former (3,4)
16 Set off (7)
17 Ceremonial march (6)
18 Avoid (5)
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22 Brilliant action (4)

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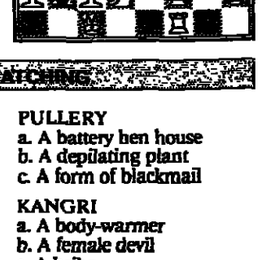
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game *Men — Gurevich, US* Championship 1992. White is quietly suffocating to death and was probably quite relieved to be put out of his misery by black's next move. What was it?



Solution on page 40

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

CANAIGRE
a. A sick duck
b. A cobbler's needle
c. A species of dock

TENDAI
a. A Buddhist sect
b. A short sword
c. A fortnight's work

PULLERY
a. A battery hen house
b. A depilating plant
c. A form of blackmail

KANGRI
a. A body-warmer
b. A female devil
c. A bribe

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